

Exchange Rate Monopoly

Starring: Germany, China, Japan,
Britain



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| CANADA | CAD | 0.9512 | 0.8883 |
| CHINA | CNY | 7.3169 | 6.0910 |
| EURO | EUR | 0.6644 | 0.5100 |
| JAPAN | JPY | 109.00 | 102.00 |
| SINGAPORE | SGD | 1.3712 | 1.2630 |
| HONG KONG | HKD | 7.0043 | 6.4072 |
| NEW ZEALAND | NZD | 1.1646 | 1.0675 |
| THAILAND | THB | 32.536 | 27.818 |

SETUP: Choose what country you will be. No more than 4 players per game (you can team up with someone if necessary). You will need an Exchange Rate Monopoly Game Sheet, pen and a calculator. You will not be using any “American” cash because it will all be in your own currency. Pass all of the properties out randomly to expedite the game.

Year One

Play as normal – everyone starts with \$1500 but use the exchange rates below:

EXCHANGE RATE

- 1 Dollar = .75 Euros (for Germany: 1125 Euros)
- 1 Dollar = 6 Yuan (for China: 9000 Yuan)
- 1 Dollar = 100 Yen (for Japan: 150,000 Yen)
- 1 Dollar = .6 Pounds (for Britain: 900 Pounds)
- The exchange rates will change each round (Year) so pay attention when your currency **appreciates** or **depreciates**.

Year Two

EXCHANGE RATE

- 1 Dollar = .5 Euros
- 1 Dollar = 2 Yuan
- 1 Dollar = 150 Yen
- 1 Dollar = 1 Pound

FOREX NEWS FLASH!

The German government embarks on a massive infrastructure overhaul. Germany gets a **subsidy** of 100 Euros for each railroad and utility it owns (both at the beginning and during the round).

The Chinese government bows to political pressure and enact protectionist measures. Chinese **tariffs** are on the rise – pay double on all properties China owns during this round.

Year Three

EXCHANGE RATE

- 1 Dollar = .8 Euros
- 1 Dollar = 10 Yuan
- 1 Dollar = 80 Yen
- 1 Dollar = .5 Pound

FOREX NEWS FLASH!

Japan feels several tech industries are being unfairly undermined by global competition. The **World Trade Organization** rules in favor of Japan – it gets to pick one property from any other country.

The British government enacts a major tax cut on businesses. Britain gets a **subsidy** of 100 Pounds for every light and dark blue or green property it owns at the beginning and during this round.

Year Four

EXCHANGE RATE

- 1 Dollar = .5 Euros
- 1 Dollar = 2 Yuan
- 1 Dollar = 200 Yen
- 1 Dollar = .1 Pound

FOREX NEWS FLASH!

Germany accused by the WTO of **dumping** – it must pay 50 dollars (translated into their currencies) to all other players.

Chinese **Foreign Direct Investment** increases. It gets to pick three Chance cards and keeps the best one (and then return other two to the bottom of the deck)

Year Five

EXCHANGE RATE

- 1 Dollar = .4 Euro
- 1 Dollar = 10 Yuan
- 1 Dollar = 100 Yen
- 1 Dollar = 1 Pound

FOREX NEWS FLASH!

Japan is found to be in violation of an **anti-trust law**. They must either pay a \$500 fine (translated into their currency at current exchange rates) to the bank or give up one of their monopoly properties back to the market (along with all houses and hotels associated with that monopoly).

Year Six

EXCHANGE RATE

- 1 Dollar = .8 Euros
- 1 Dollar = 2 Yuan
- 1 Dollar = 150 Yen
- 1 Dollar = .3 Pound

FOREX NEWS FLASH!

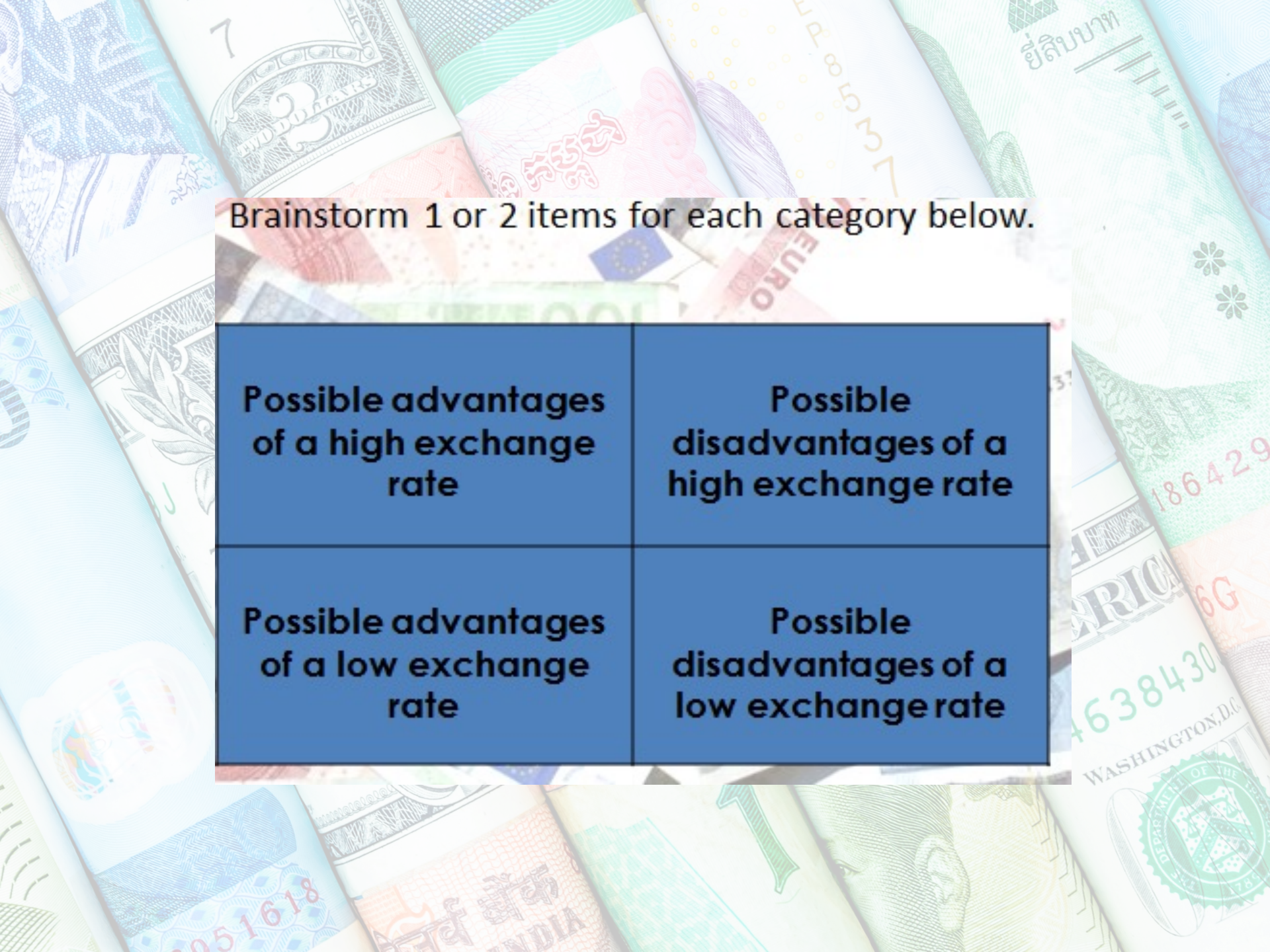
Britain joins the **European Monetary Union**! Both Germany and Britain now combine properties; they split proceeds from any rent. Each country still maintains its own cash balances.

China and Japan respond by joining together to form a **trade bloc** as well. They split proceeds from any rent, but maintain their own cash balances as well.

Game Over!

- Time to add up your winnings. Use the same exchange rate as before but in reverse back to US Dollars:
- 1 Dollar = .8 Euros; so.... 1 Euro = 1.25 Dollars
- 1 Dollar = 2 Yuan; 1 Yuan = .5 Dollars
- 1 Dollar = 150 Yen 1 Yen = .00666...Dollars
- 1 Dollar = .3 Pound; 1 Pound = 3.333 Dollars

Also, add your property amounts using the mortgage amount on the back of your properties. Add the value of all houses and hotels purchased.



Brainstorm 1 or 2 items for each category below.

**Possible advantages
of a high exchange
rate**

**Possible
disadvantages of a
high exchange rate**

**Possible advantages
of a low exchange
rate**

**Possible
disadvantages of a
low exchange rate**