How to Play "Biologist Says"

Number of Players: 3 or more

Materials Needed:

- Players own body and/or anatomical models or posters
- List of terms applicable to the unit being studied

Instructions:

1. Designate the Game-Master:

o One person is chosen to be "Biologist." This person will give commands to the other players.

2. Give Commands:

- o The game-master will issue commands to the players, such as:
 - "Biologist says point to your inguinal region"
 - "Biologist says point to an organ that metabolizes drugs"
 - "Biologist says point to the left lower lobe of the lungs"
 - "Biologist says point to the femur"

3. Elimination (Optional):

- Making a mistake eliminates a player from the game.
- o To work on active listening, players who follow a command that didn't start with "Biologist says" can also be eliminated as in the traditional model of "Simon Says".
- The last player remaining becomes the new Game-Master for the next round.

4. Winning:

- o The player who gets the highest number of commands correct wins.
- o If playing by elimination, the game continues until there is one player left.

Tips:

- Commands should be clear and easy to follow.
- Can be played as an entire class, or within a group sharing a lab bench.
- This game is best suited to learning general anatomy, but you can layer-in some physiology with the phrasing the Game-Master uses for the commands.

Sample Topics:

- Directional Terms
- Anatomical Areas
- Major Organs (and Functions)
- Microscopic Anatomy of Organs (ex. neuron model, kidney model, heart model)
- · Components of a food web
- Components of a biosphere
- Cranial nerves
- Bones
- Muscles