**Description of Role: Peasant**

Your role: You play the role of a **peasant**. You live with your family in a rural area in El Salvador, where you own a small unit of land. To live on the cultivation of coffee, you have to work really hard!

Your task:

* During the workday (4 minutes) you **produce coffee beans** by drawing them on a piece of paper, cutting them and gluing them on a paper strip.
* When you hear the **acoustic signal, the workday is over** and you have to stop working!
* When the workday is over, you sell the coffee to the middlemen/women. **Be Careful: He/she only takes complete paper strips with 10 coffee beans!** If the quality of the coffee is ok, he pays 7 Pesos for each paper strip (see table).
* You need daily food to survive. **You have to buy the food from the food merchant every day**. He/she visits you every day during the work hours. On the first day the food costs 4 pesos. Each day the price rises (see table).
* If you don’t have money to buy your daily food, you have to take a credit with a landowner and buy the food then, so that you don’t starve to death. **You have to pay back the credit after two days at latest!**
* The **landowner takes 50% interest every day** (one example: If you have taken a credit of 4 pesos, you have to pay back 6 Pesos after one day and 9 Pesos after two days).
* If you don’t have money to pay back the credit after two days, **you have to sell your property to the landowner** and work as a plantation worker henceforth!

Table: Pricelists

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| **Days** | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. |
| **Coffee** | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| **Food** | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |