SHUT THE BOX

The game Shut the Box is said to have been invented in the 12th Century France. Legend has it that Shut the Box was a cherished game among sailors and fishermen off the coast of Normandy some 200 years ago. It could be played for high stakes as a way to unwind after a hard day at sea, and a sailor could spend a good bit of his money during just one game. Another account states that Shut the Box was played by 19th Century fur trappers of the Hudson Bay Company.

Number of Players: This game can be played individually or played competitively.

Object of the Game: Each player takes turns rolling their two dice and covering as many numbers as possible in a continuous roll. If a player covers all 9 numbers in a continuous roll, they have "Shut the Box". This is no easy task, so count your lucky stars if this happens to you If playing competitively, the object of the game is to achieve the lowest possible total during a playing session.

Play: All 9 numbers should be flipped up at the start of each turn. Each player takes turns and throws the dice into the box section of the game for an individual rolling session. As the dice are rolled, cover the numbers (turn the number down) and continue to roll the dice until you cannot cover anymore numbers. Once a player can not cover any more numbers, write down the sum of the numbers down, completing their turn.

How to cover a number:

- 1. Roll the two dice
- 2. The total of the dice can "cover" a single number.
- 3. The total of the dice can be divided in two parts.

 For Example: If the dice roll yields a 5 & -4, then the total of 9 can be divided into 8-1, 7-2, 6-3, or 5-4.

Scoring: Once the player's continuous roll stops, add the uncovered numbers together and keep score. The Player with the lowest score at the end of I0 rounds wins.

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PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4

