

Life in Lacedaemon 1

## Life in Lacedaemon

**Spartans were soldiers**

**there were also slaves     *helots***

**and some free people     *perioikoi***

**Not all Spartans became soldiers, though ...**

***half of Spartans were girls, of course  
and many of the boys born  
to Spartan parents never became soldiers***

**What might you have been ?**

***It all depends on chance !***

Life in Lacedaemon 2

## Exercise 1 - Boy or girl ?

**Toss a coin - heads you're a boy, tails you're a girl:**

<https://www.random.org/coins/?num=1&cur=40-antique.eucratides>



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**BOY**



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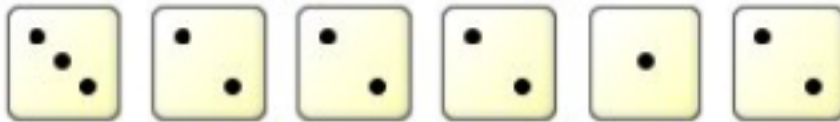
## Exercise 2 - Spartan Warrior or ... something else ?

Throw a dice six times and note down your scores,  
in order !

<https://www.random.org/dice/?num=6>

### Dice Roller

You rolled 6 dice:



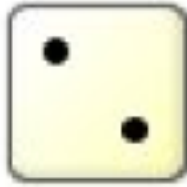
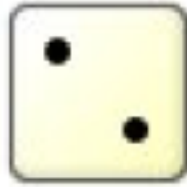
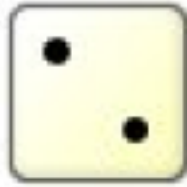
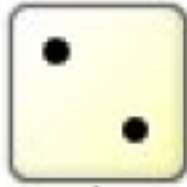
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**First dice**

**2nd dice**

**3rd dice**



Family

Childhood

Age 7-20

if you score  
6

you are a Spartan baby

if you score  
4 or 5

you are born  
a perioikoi

if you score  
1, 2, 3

you are  
a helot baby

if you are a Spartan baby  
you are bathed in wine.

If you score  
1

this kills you.

If you are Spartan and score

2  
you are unhealthy

and the Gerousia order your killing.

if you score

1  
you are unhealthy  
and die in childhood

If you are a Spartan boy,  
if you score

1  
you die as a result of  
an accident while training  
or whilst in the Krypteia

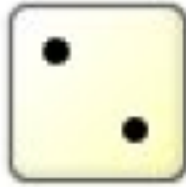
if you score 2  
throw another dice  
if you score 1 or 2  
you die from  
an unknown illness  
whilst young

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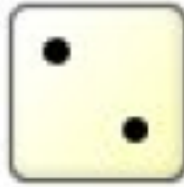
**First dice**   **2nd dice**   **3rd dice**   **4th dice**   **5th dice**



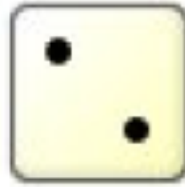
Family



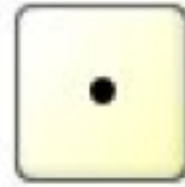
Childhood



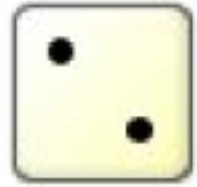
Age 7-20



age 20-35



age 20-35



If you are a Spartan male  
this is the number of times  
you go into battle

If you are a perioikoi boy  
if you score 4, 5, or 6,  
subtract three from your score  
this is the number of times  
you go into battle

If you are a helot male  
this is the number of times  
you are attacked  
by the Krypteia

If you are a Spartan boy,  
if you score 1 or 2  
you die as a result of  
fighting in your very first battle

If you are a perioikoi boy,  
if you score 1 or 2 or 3  
you die as a result of  
fighting in your very first battle

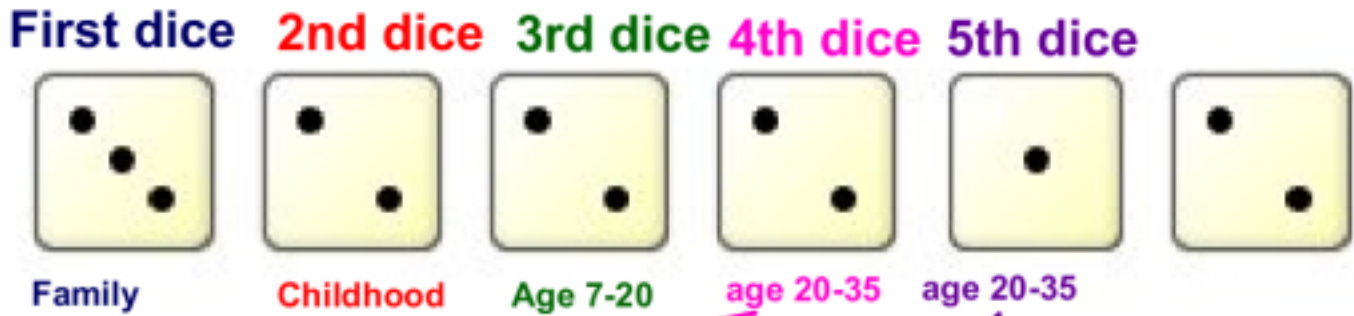
If you are a helot male,  
if you score 1 or 2  
throw another dice  
if you score 1 or 2 or 3  
you die from  
your injuries received  
at the hands of the Krypteia

If you are a Spartan boy,  
if you score 1  
you die as a result of  
fighting in your next and  
subsequent battles

If you are a perioikoi boy,  
if you score 1 or 2  
you die as a result of  
fighting in your next and  
subsequent battles

REPEAT throws for the number  
of battles / Krypteia attacks

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If you are female  
this is the number  
of babies you have

if you score 6  
throw again  
and add the two  
to find the total  
number of babies

**THEN**

if you score 1  
throw another dice  
if you score 1 or 2  
you die from  
childbirth with your first child

REPEAT throws for the number  
of babies

if you score 1  
throw another dice  
if you score 1 again  
you die from  
childbirth with your next  
and subsequent children

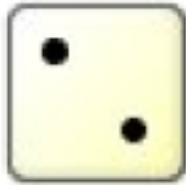
(any time you score 1 then 1  
you die as a result of childbirth  
or complications)

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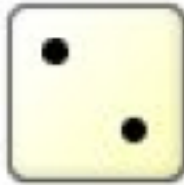
**First dice**   **2nd dice**   **3rd dice**   **4th dice**   **5th dice**   **6th dice**



**Family**



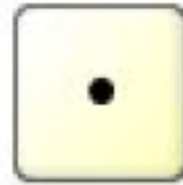
**Childhood**



**Age 7-20**



**age 20-35**



**age 20-35**



**old age**



multiply this number  
by 6  
if you are a Spartan  
add this to 35  
this is how old you are when  
you die of old age

multiply this number  
by 5  
add it to 35  
this is how old you are when  
you die of old age

**BUT**

if you scored 6  
throw again  
add this score  
to your total  
to find your age  
at death of old age

**AND**

if you are female  
add two to your total

Lacedaemon Lives Example 1

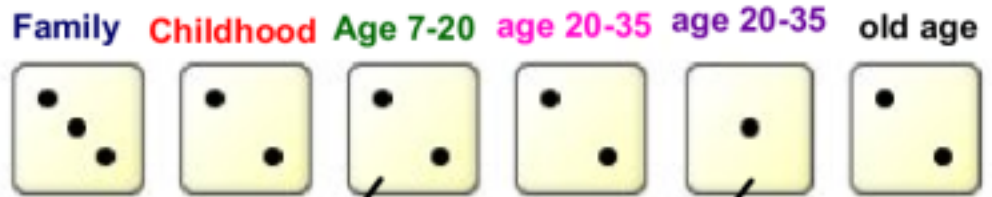
# Example 1

gender



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## Baby girl



extra throw required

helot

survives childhood youth

would have had two children

would have lived to 35 + 2 x 5 = 45 years of age

extra throw required



but dies during first childbirth (when aged between 20 and 35)



Lacedaemon Lives Example 2

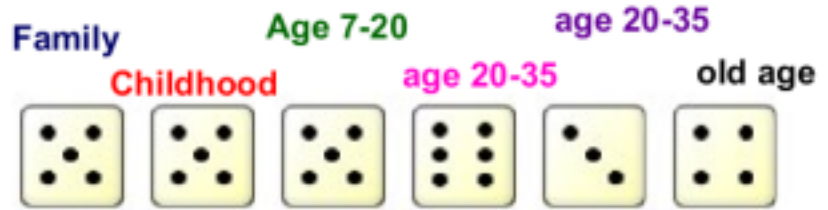
## Example 2

gender



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### Baby boy



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perioikoi      survives youth      would have gone into battle three times      would have lived to 55 years of age  
survives childhood      ( 6 - 3 ) BUT died in his first battle      ( 35 + 4x5 )  
*(when aged between 20 and 35)*

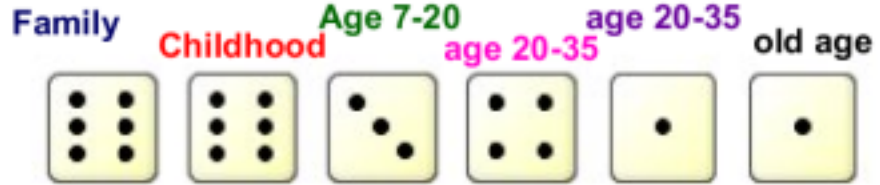
Lacedaemon Lives Examples 3 & 4

gender



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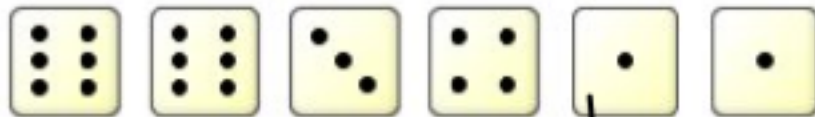
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Spartan survives childhood survives youth *would have fought in four battles* BUT died in first battle *would have lived to 41 years of age*  
 (age 20-35) (35 + 1x6)



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**GIRL**



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Spartan survives childhood survives youth had four in four children lived to 43 years of age  
 (35 + 1x6 + 2)

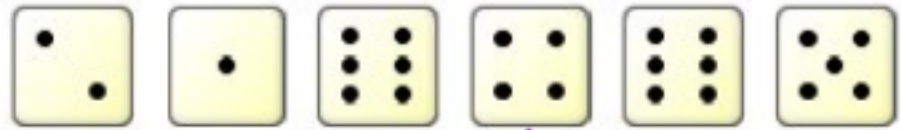


Lacedaemon Lives Example 5



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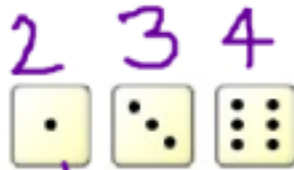
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**helot died in childhood**

*would have survived youth*

*and would have lived to age 50  
(35 + 5x5)*

*would have been attacked four times by Krypteia*



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*would have been injured in second attack by Krypteia*



*but would have survived the attack and the two subsequent attacks*