Ask & Talk!

An English conversation board game for practising question words, asking questions and giving answers.

You will need

The printed board, one game piece per player and one die.

How to play

1. Place your game pieces on START. Take turns rolling the die and moving along the board.
2. Look at the topic on the square where you land.
3. Roll the die again to choose a question word from the key below.
4. Make an English question about your topic using that question word.
5. Ask another player your question. The other player answers in English.
6. Continue taking turns. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

Question words

1 - Who? 2 - What? 3 - Where?

4 - When? 5 - How? 6 - Why?

Example

Topic: Travel. Question word: Where? Ask: “Where would you like to travel?”

Adjusting the level

Simple questions and short answers are fine. More confident players can ask follow-up questions and give longer answers. If a question word is difficult for a topic, try making a different question with the same word.

Then & Now

An English conversation board game about memories, experiences and life in the past and present.

What you need

The printed board, one die and a game piece for each player.

How to play

Place your game pieces on START. Take turns rolling the die and moving along the path towards FINISH. Read the question or activity on the square where you land and respond in English. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

Questions and activities

Memories and experiences: Talk about your childhood, school days, family, hobbies, holidays or other moments from your life. For example: “What is your favourite memory?”

Then and now: Some questions ask about the past and the present. Answer both parts where possible. For example, explain what you used to do on your days off and what you do now.

Opinions and favourites: Share your preferences and explain your answers. You can talk about books, music, films, food or places you have visited.

Special activities: Follow the instruction on the square, such as giving someone a compliment, singing a childhood song or taking a group selfie. A group photo is optional and should only be taken if everyone agrees.

Keeping the conversation going

Other players can ask follow-up questions or share a related story. Everyone may skip a question or activity they would rather not answer. Choose a different prompt or move on to the next turn.

Adjusting the level

Beginners can give short answers. More confident speakers can use longer sentences, compare the past with the present and ask additional questions.

Point & Talk – In the Kitchen

An illustrated English speaking game for naming, describing and talking about kitchen objects.

What you need

The printed board, the kitchen picture, one die and a game piece for each player.

How to play

Place your game pieces on START. Take turns rolling the die and moving along the board. The colour of the square you land on tells you which challenge to complete. Choose an object from the kitchen picture and complete the challenge in English.

The six challenges

1. Name the object. Say the name of an object you can see in the picture.

2. Describe the object. Describe what the object looks like.

3. What is it used for? Explain what you use the object for.

4. Near or far? Choose two things in the picture and say whether they are near to or far from each other.

5. Make a sentence. Make an English sentence using the name of the object.

6. Ask a question about the object. Ask another player a question about the object.

Adjusting the level

You can give short answers or use longer sentences, depending on your English level. More than one answer may be correct. Help each other if someone gets stuck. Continue taking turns until you reach FINISH.

Word Snake!

A printable English board game for speaking practice and everyday vocabulary.

What you need

The printed board, one die and a game piece for each player.

How to play

Place your game pieces on START. Take turns rolling the die and moving along the path. When you land on a square, answer its question or complete the task. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

Types of challenges

Answer a question. Talk about everyday topics, such as food, holidays or hobbies. For example: “What is your favourite meal?”

Name things. Give the number of examples requested, such as “Name five colours” or “Name three tools”.

Speak or describe. Make a sentence, describe a person or share something about yourself. Give other players time to respond when a task involves the group.

Ladders and arrows

When you reach a square with a ladder, follow the arrow to the other end of the ladder. Some ladders move you forwards; others send you backwards. Then continue playing from your new square.

Adjusting the level

Beginners can give short answers. More confident learners can answer in full sentences and add details. Players may help each other with unfamiliar words.

Mix It Up!

An English board game for practising opposites, telling the time and prepositions.

What you need

The printed board, one die and a game piece for each player.

How to play

Place your game pieces on START. Take turns rolling the die and moving forward. Complete the challenge on the square where you land. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

The three challenges

Word squares: Say the opposite of the word on the square. For example, clean - dirty or happy - sad. More than one answer may be correct, as long as it makes sense.

Clock squares: Look at the clock and say the time in English. For example: “It is half past three.”

Picture squares: Look at the picture and describe where the ball is in relation to the chair or box. For example: “The ball is under the chair.”

Adjusting the level

Beginners can give short answers. For extra practice, ask players to use the words in full sentences or explain their answers. If a player is unsure, the other players can help.