Ask & Talk

English Conversation Board Game - Instructions

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?"

Make it your own

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.

Count, Time & Place! - Game Instructions

A printable English board game for practising numbers, 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 along the path. Complete the challenge on the square where you land. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

The three challenges

Prepositions

Look at the illustration. Name a preposition that describes where the person or object is, and use it in a sentence. For example: "The boy is behind the box."

Counting

Count aloud using the numbers shown. For a range such as 21 to 30, say the numbers in order. For 10, 20, 30, 40, etc., continue counting in tens. If the square asks for odd or even numbers, name a few examples.

Telling the time

Look at the analogue or digital clock and say the time in English. For example: "It is half past six" or "It is six thirty."

Adjusting the level

Beginners can give short answers. More advanced learners can use complete sentences, different ways of telling the time or additional prepositions. Accept different answers when they correctly describe the picture or meet the task.

Mix It Up!

Game Instructions

In this board game, players practise English opposites, telling the time and prepositions. Each square gives you a different challenge.

What do you need?

The Mix It Up! board, one dice and a game piece for each player.

How to play

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

The 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.

Opposites - Game Instructions

A printable English board game for practising opposite words and 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, read the word aloud and say its opposite in English. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

Finding opposites

Say the opposite. Give a word with the opposite meaning. For example, “happy” becomes “sad”, “expensive” becomes “cheap” and “strong” becomes “weak”.

Different answers. Some words can have more than one opposite, depending on their meaning. Discuss possible answers and accept those that make sense.

Extra challenge. Use the word or its opposite in a complete English sentence.

Adjusting the level

Beginners can name the opposite word. More confident learners can make sentences, explain their choices or give more than one possible answer. Players may help each other with unfamiliar words.

Point & Talk - In the Kitchen

Game instructions

How to play

Place your game pieces on START. Take turns rolling the dice 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.

Playing together

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.

Speak & Learn! - Game Instructions

A printable English board game for practising vocabulary, counting, speaking and simple actions.

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. Complete the challenge on the square where you land. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

The five challenges

Do it! (yellow): Perform the action shown or written on the square, such as waving, walking or sitting down.

Count! (green): Count the items in the picture and say the number in English. For example: "Five apples."

Point! (blue): Point to the object named on the square, such as "the chair" or "the book".

Say it! (orange): Say the English name of the object shown on the square, such as "the carrot" or "the shoe".

Speak! (purple): Answer the question or complete the speaking task. For example: "Where are you from?"

Special squares

If you land on "Go back to start!", follow the arrow to the START square shown on the board. If you land on "Go to sit down", follow the arrow to the "Sit down" square at the top right of the board.

Adjusting the level

Beginners can give short answers. More confident learners can answer in full sentences or add extra information. Help each other when needed.

Then & Now - Game Instructions

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.

Verbs with Illustrations - Game Instructions

An illustrated English board game for practising verbs, pronouns and sentences.

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 an illustrated verb square, roll the die again to choose a pronoun. Use the verb on your square with the correct pronoun. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

The pronoun die

The numbers correspond to the pronouns shown on the board: **1 - I, 2 - You, 3 - He/She, 4 - We, 5 - You (plural), 6 - They.** For example, to play with 1 becomes I play; with 3, it becomes he plays or she plays.

Practising with illustrations

Use the correct verb form. Look at the illustration and combine the pronoun and verb. For example, to be with 1 becomes I am; with 4, it becomes we are.

Make a sentence. Use the pronoun and verb in a full sentence. For example, She reads a book or They cook dinner.

Adjusting the level

Beginners can say the pronoun and correct verb form. More confident learners can make full sentences, ask questions or use negative forms. Players may help each other with unfamiliar verbs.

Word Snake - Game Instructions

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.

Word Trail - Game Instructions

A printable English vocabulary board game for practising singular and plural nouns, sentences and demonstratives.

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. Complete the numbered challenge on the square where you land. The first player to reach FINISH wins.

The four challenges

1 - Singular
Look at the picture and say the word in the singular. For example, an umbrella. The glasses square is a deliberate exception: we normally say "glasses" or "a pair of glasses" for one pair.

2 - Plural
Look at the picture and say the word in the plural. For example, pens, balls or tomatoes.

3 - Make a sentence
Use the object in the picture to make an English sentence. For example, "The lamp is on the table."

4 - This, that, these or those
Choose the correct demonstrative for the object or objects. Use "this" or "these" for something nearby and "that" or "those" for something farther away. Imagine the distance, as the pictures do not show it. For example, "those knives".

Adjusting the level

Beginners can name words or make short phrases. More confident learners can make full sentences or explain their answers. Accept different answers when they are grammatically correct and fit the picture.