

Teacher notes

Past board game

Language point

Past simple tense

Aim

To practise the past simple tense and develop fluency.

Activity

Students ask and answer questions using the past simple in order to move along the board and reach the end.

Organization

Group work.

Preparation

Make a copy of the board game for each group of three or four students.

Each player needs a counter and each group needs a dice.

What do I do?

- 1 Divide students into groups of 3 or 4.
- 2 Give each player a counter and each group a dice.
- 3 Students place their counters on START and throw the dice to decide who starts.
- 4 Student A throws the dice and moves forward that number of squares.
- 5 Student B asks Student A the question on that square. If Student A answers with the correct form, and the rest of the group agree that the answer is correct, Student A's counter remains where it is. If the answer is incorrect, the counter returns to its original square.
- 6 Students take it in turns, repeating step 5 and moving around the board until one student reaches FINISH. This student is the winner!

To develop fluency, encourage the group to develop a short conversation after each answer with follow up questions.

Start	1 <i>What time did you go to bed last night?</i>	2 WHERE DID YOU GO FOR YOUR LAST VACATION?	3 What did you eat for breakfast?	4 Miss a turn!
	9 <i>Where did you go to school when you were younger?</i>	8 Go back 2 spaces	7 What did you eat for lunch yesterday?	6 WHO DID YOU SEE YESTERDAY ?
	10 WHAT DID YOU DO FOR YOUR LAST BIRTHDAY?	11 <i>Where did you live when you were five years old?</i>	12 What sports did you do when you were younger?	13 WHEN DID YOU LAST SWIM?
	19 WHAT DID YOU WEAR YESTERDAY ?	18 Miss a turn!	17 <i>What did you do last night?</i>	16 WHAT DID YOU WATCH ON TV YESTERDAY ?
	20 <i>What did you eat for dinner last night?</i>	21 <i>How many phone calls did you make yesterday?</i>	22 When did you last buy a newspaper?	23 <i>Where did you spend New Year's Eve last year?</i>
	Finish	28 Go back 2 spaces!	27 <i>When did you last play a game like this?</i>	26 <i>Who did you kiss yesterday?</i>