

### Great Traditional Board Games

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three traditional board games. Go round the room swapping details with others.

### LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

### READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

### SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

**1) The article** – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

**2) The article** - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article

**3) Article quiz** - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

### Student A questions

- 1) What is Scrabble?
- 2) What is a ladder and what is a snake?
- 3) What is a submarine?
- 4) What is a peg?
- 5) What does 'umpteen' mean?

### Student B questions

- 1) What is a battleship?
- 2) What game has four stations?
- 3) What is Cluedo?
- 4) Which game uses pegs?
- 5) Which game involves a Rook?

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**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words as you can to do with '**Board Games**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs* choose three traditional board games. Write them below. How do you play them? Talk about them!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** three NEW board games. How do you play them? Discuss together.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** three card games. How do you play them? Discuss together.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

*The teacher* will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student A questions**

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What is your favourite traditional board game?
- 3) Do you play board games?
- 4) When did you last play a board game?
- 5) Who normally wins the board games in your house?
- 6) Are new board games better than the old traditional board games?
- 7) Have you played all the board games in the article? Explain.
- 8) Have you ever invented a board game?
- 9) Why is Scrabble good for the mind?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

**SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1**

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in Manchester. Today's interview is about: *Great Traditional Board Games.*

- 1) A young person who is good at board games.
- 2) An old person who likes Scrabble.
- 3) Someone aged 25-30 who is addicted to online computer games.
- 4) Someone who is good at chess.

*The teacher* will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

**SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2**

*In pairs - Student A* prefers traditional board games and cards. *Student B* prefers online computer games. *3 mins.*

**SPEAKING - DISCUSSION**

*Allow 10 minutes – As a class.*

<p><i>Discuss the following...</i></p> <p>Online computer games</p>
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*The teacher* can moderate the session.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student B questions**

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Are you a good chess player?
- 3) Do you play the other game of solitaire involving cards?
- 4) Have you ever played Battleships?
- 5) What is the number one traditional board game in your country?
- 6) What is the most unusual board game you have ever played?
- 7) When did you last play a game of Monopoly?
- 8) Is snakes and ladders popular in your country?
- 9) Has this been a difficult English lesson?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

## GAP FILL: READING

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**board / games / slide / players / position / fancy / unlucky / winner**

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**pegs / words / popular / versions / opponent / score / favourite / mystery**

## GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

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**WRITING/SPELLING**

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**1) On the board** - *In pairs*, list five NEW board games and five NEW computer games. *One-two minutes. Talk about each of them.*

**2) Sentence starters** - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) I like to play \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Snakes and Ladders \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Chess \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Great Traditional Board Games**. Your email can be read out in class.

**SPELLING**

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) position
- 2) unlucky
- 3) either
- 4) once
- 5) might
- 6) pieces
- 7) traditional
- 8) obvious
- 9) traditionally
- 10) pawns

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

- Pass = 12**
- Good = 15**
- Very good = 18**
- Excellent = 20**

- 11) draught board
- 12) umpteen
- 13) opponent
- 14) favourite
- 15) versions
- 16) dictionary
- 17) battleships
- 18) mystery
- 19) checkmate
- 20) chess

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