

Activity Type

Speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Past simple affirmative and negative sentences, regular and irregular past simple verb forms

Aim

To talk about everyday topics in the past simple tense.

Preparation

Make one copy of the game board for each group of three or four. Enlarge the game board to A3 if possible. You will also need to prepare some dice and counters.

Level

Elementary

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This entertaining board game helps students to utilize their knowledge of the past simple to talk about a variety of everyday topics.

Procedure

Explain that the students are going to play a board game where they have to talk about various topics for 30 seconds using the past simple tense.

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a copy of the game board, a dice and counters.

Have one student keep the time in each group.

Students place their counters on the start square.

Students then take it in turns to roll the dice and move their counter along the board.

When a student lands on a square, they have to talk about the topic on the square in the past simple tense for 30 seconds without stopping.

If a student can't think of anything to say, makes a grammar mistake, or stops talking before the 30 seconds are up, they must go back to their previous square.

The first student to reach the finish wins the game.

As an alternative, you could have the students miss a turn instead of going back to their previous square.



the last time you woke up late	something interesting you did last week	the last time you went to a park				
the last time you went out with your friends	Move ahead 4 spaces	the house you lived in when you were a child	a restaurant you went to recently	a town or city you lived in when you were a child	the last time you went to the cinema	
Go back 2 spaces					what you did before class	
how you came to class today		what you did last night	a holiday you didn't enjoy very much	Oh no! Go back	a frightening experience you had	
what you did last weekend		the last time you went to a beach		the last time you went to a zoo	your last holiday	
the last time you were bored		Go back 3 spaces		a place you visited last year	Go back 2 spaces	
Oh no! Go back to the start		the last time you came home late		the last time you walked very far	what you had for lunch yesterday	
the last time you spent a lot of money		Finish		the last time you cooked some food	a person you met last week	
the last time you felt very tired				what you studied in the last English class	the last time you played a game or sport	
a party you didn't enjoy	Miss a turn	a hobby you used to have	the first time you went abroad	Move ahead 2 spaces	Start	