

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: impromptu speech, communicative practice (group work)

Focus

Past simple affirmative and negative sentences

Regular and irregular past simple verb forms

Aim

To practice talking about everyday topics using the past simple affirmative and negative in short timed turns.

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

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this past simple board game, students talk for 30 seconds about everyday topics using the past simple tense as they move around the board.

Procedure

Explain that the students are going to play a board game where they 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 time in each group using a phone timer.



Students place their counters on the start square.

Students then take turns rolling the dice and moving their counters along the board.

When a student lands on a square, they 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, uses the wrong tense, or stops talking before the 30 seconds are up, they go back two squares.

The first student to reach the finish wins the game.

the last time you woke up late	something interesting you did last week	the last time you went to a park		a place you lived when you were a child	the last time you helped someone	a time you got lost in a new place
the last time you went out with a friend		Move forward four squares	the house you lived in when you were a child	a restaurant you went to recently		the last time you went to the cinema
the last time you stayed up very late						
how you came to class today		what you did last night	a holiday you didn't enjoy very much	Move forward one square		a scary 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		a time you lost something important		a place you visited last year		Go back one square
Go back two squares		the last time you came home late			the last time you walked very far	
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 last English class		the last time you played a sport
a party you didn't enjoy	the last time you tried a new food	a hobby you had in the past	the first time you went abroad	Miss a turn		Start

