

Activity Type

Reading, speaking and spelling activity, group work

Language Focus

Singular and plural nouns

Aim

To change singular nouns into plural nouns and to spell the plural forms.

Preparation

Make one copy of the game board and cards for each group of four and cut the cards out as indicated. You will also need to prepare counters for each group.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a comprehensive board game to help students practice or revise singular and plural nouns and their spelling.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four (Player 1, 2, 3 and 4).

Give each group a copy of the game board, a set of game cards and counters. Tell the students to shuffle the game cards and place them face down in a pile on the board.

Explain that the game cards are numbered from 1 to 6 and are used instead of a dice. The cards also vary in difficulty, number 1 cards are quite easy and number 6 cards are fairly difficult. The students move forward in the game according to the number on the card by giving the plural form of the singular noun on the card and spelling it correctly.

The game begins with player 2 picking up a card from the top of the pile and reading the singular noun on the card to Player 1.

Player 1 then tries to give the plural form of the noun and spell it.

If player 1 gives the correct plural form and spelling, the student moves the amount of squares indicated on the card.

Player 2 then places the card at the bottom of the pile.

If player 1 gives the wrong plural form or spells the plural noun incorrectly, the student stays on the same square.

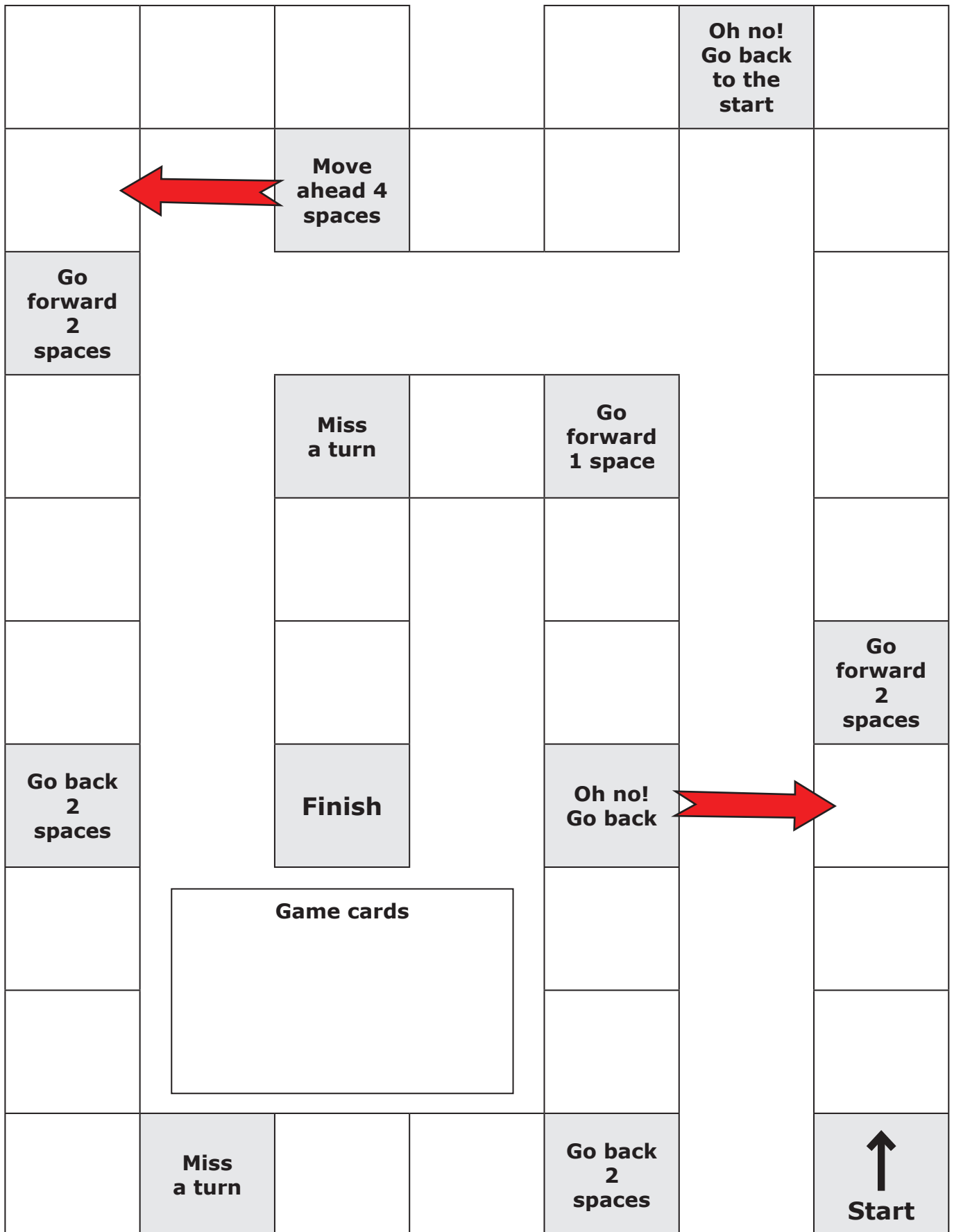
Player 3 then picks up a game card from the top of the pile for player 2 and so on.

The first player to reach the finish wins the game.

Game cards

1. Singular nouns that form the plural by adding -s
2. Singular nouns that end in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o (add -es)
3. Irregular nouns and nouns that don't change
4. Nouns that end in a consonant and -y (change -y to -ies)
Nouns that end in -f or -fe (change -f or -fe to -ves)
Nouns that end in -z (add -zes)
5. Nouns (from Greek) that end in -is (change -is to -es)
Nouns (from Latin) that end in -us (change -us to -i)
6. Nouns that end in -um (change -um to -a)
Nouns (from Latin) that end in -a (change -a to -ae)
Nouns (from Greek) that end in -on (change -on to -a)
Nouns that end in -ex (change -ex to -ices)

Singular vs. Plural Board Game



Game cards

1. Singular - cat Plural - cats	1. Singular - house Plural - houses	1. Singular - bottle Plural - bottles	1. Singular - pencil Plural - pencils
1. Singular - desk Plural - desks	1. Singular - sticker Plural - stickers	1. Singular - window Plural - windows	1. Singular - flower Plural - flowers
2. Singular - bus Plural - buses	2. Singular - box Plural - boxes	2. Singular - gas Plural - gasses	2. Singular - kiss Plural - kisses
2. Singular - brush Plural - brushes	2. Singular - watch Plural - watches	2. Singular - beach Plural - beaches	2. Singular - hero Plural - heroes
3. Singular - child Plural - children	3. Singular - foot Plural - feet	3. Singular - goose Plural - geese	3. Singular - ox Plural - oxen
3. Singular - tooth Plural - teeth	3. Singular - aircraft Plural - aircraft	3. Singular - deer Plural - deer	3. Singular - fish Plural - fish
4. Singular - baby Plural - babies	4. Singular - city Plural - cities	4. Singular - dictionary Plural - dictionaries	4. Singular - lady Plural - ladies
4. Singular - knife Plural - knives	4. Singular - leaf Plural - leaves	4. Singular - wolf Plural - wolves	4. Singular - quiz Plural - quizzes
5. Singular - analysis Plural - analyses	5. Singular - axis Plural - axes	5. Singular - crisis Plural - crises	5. Singular - thesis Plural - theses
5. Singular - nucleus Plural - nuclei	5. Singular - cactus Plural - cacti	5. Singular - syllabus Plural - syllabi	5. Singular - fungus Plural - fungi
6. Singular - bacterium Plural - bacteria	6. Singular - datum Plural - data	6. Singular - medium Plural - media	6. Singular - antenna Plural - antennae
6. Singular - nebula Plural - nebulae	6. Singular - criterion Plural - criteria	6. Singular - automaton Plural - automata	6. Singular - vortex Plural - vortices