



Go Beyond Monopoly and Scrabble: Customize Your Board Games

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Why Board Games?

- Fun and interactive in nature
- Adaptable to different language skills
- Elicit spontaneous conversations which arise naturally (Radice 1973)

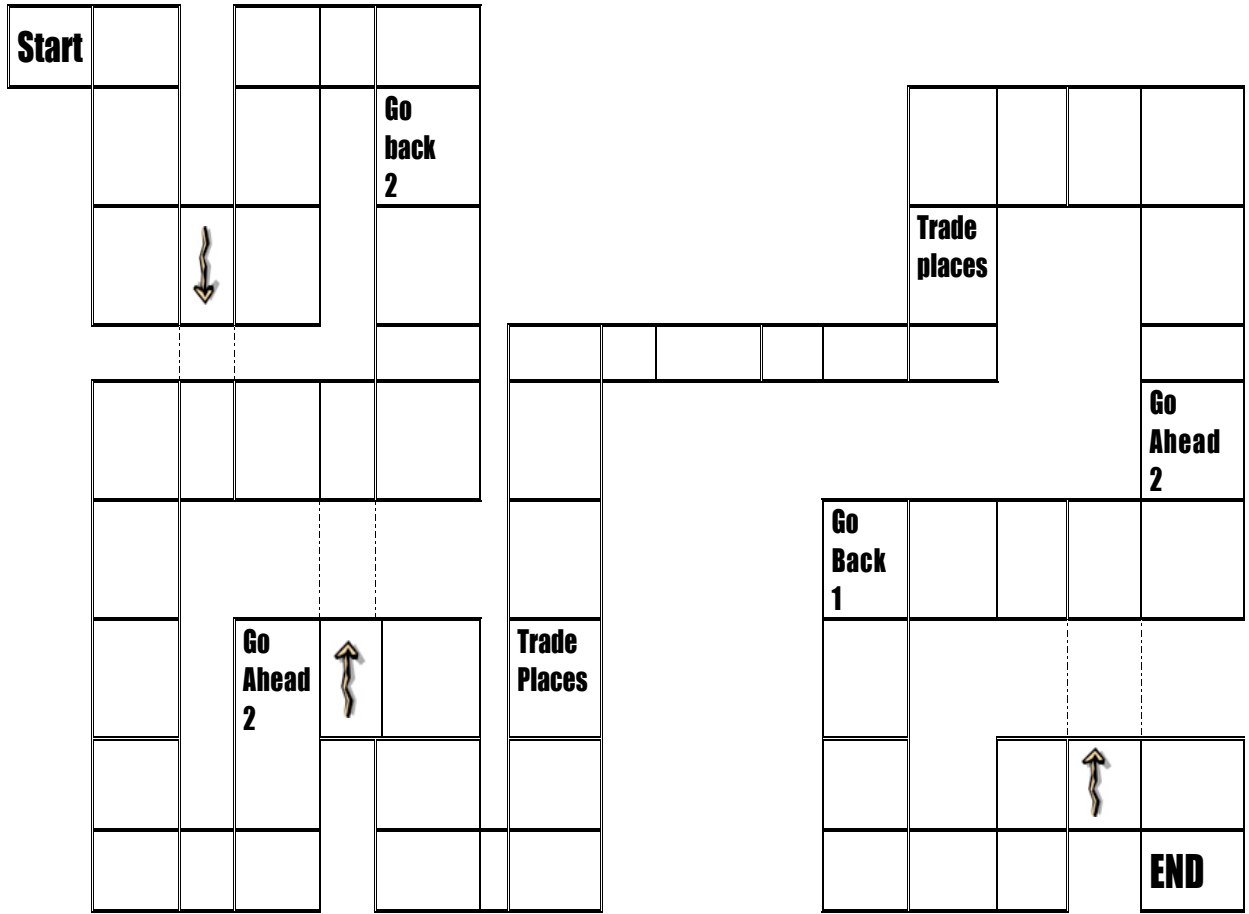
Why Customizing Board Games?

- Ready-to-buy ones limit learning because of the predetermined topics and costs
- Tailor them to your students' needs
- Easy to do so!



How to Customize?

- Make use of the layout and instructions of the traditional ones but with your own content
- Make game rules that can involve everyone who does not have to wait for his/her turn (Levine 2008)
 - act as a judge
 - give response to the player
- Create multiple pathways to win (Levine 2008)
 - answer certain number of questions
 - get the most number of points
 - lose turns

Blank Template



Sample 1

Start	Big		Fast	*Go back 1*	Slow
	Long		Old		New
	Small		Short		Nice
					bad
	Ugly	good	Pretty	expensive	Cheap
	Heavy				
	Light		Hard		boring
	Easy		Crazy		interesting
	difficult	*Go Ahead 2*	Soft		careful
				Go back 1	dangerous


COMPARE TWO THINGS

Compare two things/people using the adjectives in the boxes.

Example:

**Fruit is healthier than candy.*

**Your book is more interesting than mine.*

Spicy	Sweet	Salty	sticky	Smart	stupid	Strong	Weak	*Trade places*	Young	
delicious						*Trade Places*			*Go back to Start*	
daring									Loud	
Trade Places									*Go Ahead 2*	
Safe						*Go Back 1*	Hot	Cold	Low	High
dangerous						exciting				
						flexible		Happy		peaceful
						comfortable	crowded	patient		END

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Sample 2

Start	your morning	snacks	favorite food
	school		Go Back 2
	TV	↓ your money	a nightmare
			an award
FREE Candy	your room		your teacher
your hobby			
music	Go Ahead 2	↑ Anger	Trade Places
your mother		homework	clothes
your pet	action movies	winter	vacation

Ask a Question
 Rules: Roll the die and move your counter. Ask a question with the given question word below.

- (1) Who
- (2) What
- (3) Where
- (4) When
- (5) Why
- (6) How

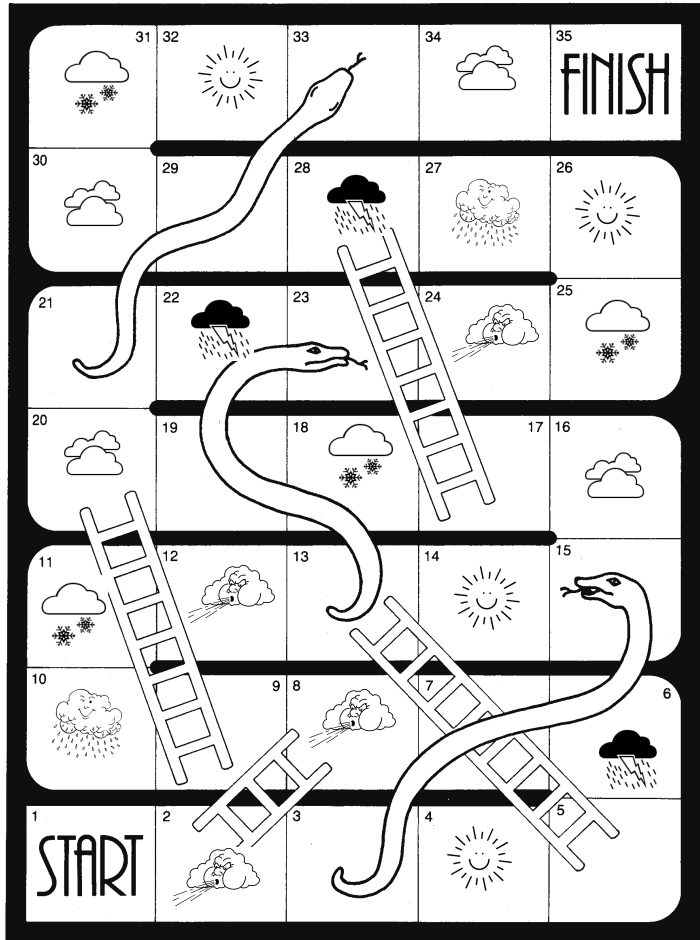
summer	games	email	FREE Candy	your city
favorite drink				
history				

evening	money	weekends	
Trade places		best friend	
		tests	
		Go Ahead 2	
Go Back 1	grandfather	your hopes	your house
spring			
books	fall	↑ favorite holiday	
	books		END

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Sample 3

Snakes and Ladders



What's your favorite means of transportation?	QUESTION CARD	Why do you live in Kansas?	QUESTION CARD	When is your mother going to take a trip?	QUESTION CARD
How do you come to school?	QUESTION CARD	When do you go to the movies?	QUESTION CARD	What places did you visit on your last vacation?	QUESTION CARD
How can I get to Bahamas?	QUESTION CARD	What souvenir would you like to get?	QUESTION CARD	Could I send a message to your cell phone?	QUESTION CARD
How often do you study English?	QUESTION CARD	How many magnets do you have in your house?	QUESTION CARD	Describe your house	QUESTION CARD
How often do you go to a fitness center?	QUESTION CARD	What are you going to do on the next Saturday night?	QUESTION CARD	What's your favorite room in the house?	QUESTION CARD
Why do you study English?	QUESTION CARD	Are you going to study here next semester?	QUESTION CARD	Describe your bedroom	QUESTION CARD

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