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
**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.*

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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

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### Sample 3

**Snakes and Ladders**

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

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References

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