

Tell your group...

The board game is circular with a scalloped border. At the center is a target with a spiral pattern and the word "FINISH" written across it. At the bottom left is another spiral target with the word "START". The board is divided into several sections, each containing a prompt and an illustration:

- Top Left:** "what you think you'll look like in ten years' time" (Illustration: a clock face)
- Top Middle-Left:** "where you usually go for a night out" (Illustration: a palm tree)
- Top Middle-Right:** "three sports you've never tried" (Illustration: a person on a surfboard)
- Top Right:** "what you're going to do next weekend" (Illustration: a person holding a tennis racket)
- Far Top Right:** "where you think you'll be in five years' time" (Illustration: a person in a futuristic car)
- Right Side (top to bottom):**
  - "about the weather you're watching" (Illustration: a sun)
  - "about your typical Sunday" (Illustration: a person relaxing on a sofa)
  - "about a good friend of yours" (Illustration: a framed photo of a person)
  - "what fruit you ate yesterday" (Illustration: an apple)
  - "about your mother's typical day" (Illustration: a thought bubble)
  - "what you're going to do after this lesson" (Illustration: a person at a desk)
  - "what you're going to wear tomorrow" (Illustration: a jacket)
  - "about what you bought last week" (Illustration: a shopping bag)
- Center:** "FINISH" (Illustration: a target)
- Left Side (top to bottom):**
  - "about the best holiday you've had" (Illustration: a globe)
  - "five countries you haven't visited yet but would like to" (Illustration: a thought bubble)
  - "something you're going to learn in the future" (Illustration: a thought bubble)
  - "about the last time you ate ice cream" (Illustration: an ice cream cone)
  - "about the best restaurant you've been to" (Illustration: a fork and knife)
- Bottom (left to right):**
  - "what a member of your family is doing at the moment" (Illustration: a person sitting on a sofa)
  - "the first thing you're going to do when you get home" (Illustration: a person walking)
  - "about your last birthday" (Illustration: a birthday cake)
  - "what you're going to eat tonight" (Illustration: a fork and knife)
  - "what you usually have for breakfast" (Illustration: a bowl of cereal)
  - "about a good film you've seen" (Illustration: a thought bubble)
  - "three things you did before you left your house this morning" (Illustration: an open book)
  - "about a book you're reading at the moment" (Illustration: an open book)

*Tell your group...* Worksheet **40**

**ACTIVITY**

Groupwork: speaking

**AIM**

To play a board game by talking about given topics.

**GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS**

Tense review

**VOCABULARY**

General

**PREPARATION**

Make one copy of the worksheet (game board) for every three to five students in the class. Provide dice and counters for each group.

**TIME**

30 minutes

**PROCEDURE**

- 1 Ask the students to work in groups of three to five.
- 2 Give one game board, some counters and dice to each group.
- 3 Before the students start playing the game, explain how to play using the instructions below.
- 4 It is important to remind the students to be careful to use the appropriate tense when they are talking about a topic. In particular, remind them that if the topic on the game board is written in the present perfect, they will need to use the simple past when they refer to a specific time in the past. For example, if the topic is 'The best holiday you've had', they will need to use the simple past to talk about it: *I went to...*, *I saw ...*, etc.
- 5 The students are ready to play the game. While they are playing, go round to each group and check that they are using the tenses correctly.

**HOW TO PLAY THE GAME**

- 1 Put the game board in the middle of the table.
- 2 All the players put their counters on the square marked START and throw the dice. The first player to throw a six starts the game.
- 3 Player A throws the dice and moves their counter along the board according to the number on the dice.
- 4 Player A then reads the topic on the square the counter has landed on and talks about it.
- 5 If a player has nothing to say on the topic they have landed on, they are allowed to pass and miss a turn, but they can only do this once in the game.
- 6 The game continues until the first player reaches the square marked FINISH.