

Activity Type

Speaking Game: gap-fill, true or false, talking on random topics, free practice (group work)

Focus

Articles

Aim

To review articles (*a*, *an*, *the*) by playing a board game where you complete true or false statements and talk about various topics for 30 seconds.

Preparation

Make one copy of the game board for each group of three or four. Enlarge the game board to A3 if possible. Also, provide a dice and counters for each group.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this fun articles board game, students review *a*, *an*, and *the* by completing true or false statements and talking about various topics for 30 seconds.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a copy of the game board, a dice and counters. Students will also need a pen and paper for keeping score. Nominate one student in each group to be the time keeper.

The players place their counters on the start square. The players then take it in turns to roll the dice and move their counter along the board.

When a player lands on a 'True or false?' square, they complete the statement with the correct article (*a*, *an*, or *the*) and read it to the group. If the player is able to do this correctly, they score a point. If not, they move back two squares.

If the statement is correct, the other group members guess whether it's true or false for the player. The player then reveals the answer. The students who guessed correctly each score one point.





When a player lands on a 'Talk about...' square, they complete the 'Talk about...' sentence with the correct article (*a*, *an*, or *the*) for one point. If the player doesn't complete the sentence correctly, they go back two squares.

If the sentence is correct, the player then talks about the topic for 30 seconds for an extra point.

When a player reaches the finish, the game ends and the points are added up. The student with the most points wins the game. If at any point, the students are unsure of the correct article, they can ask you to adjudicate.

Answer key

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| 1. an | 9. the | 17. an | 25. a |
| 2. the | 10. an | 18. the | 26. an |
| 3. a | 11. the | 19. a | 27. the |
| 4. the | 12. the | 20. the | 28. a |
| 5. a | 13. an | 21. a | 29. the |
| 6. the | 14. the | 22. the | 30. an/the |
| 7. an | 15. the | 23. the | 31. the |
| 8. a | 16. a | 24. the | 32. a |

Finish	Talk about... 32. trip you plan to take.	True or false? 31. I have never been to Philippines.	Talk about... 30. important problem facing world.	True or false? 29. I love to visit coast.	Talk about... 28. useful invention.
					True or false? 27. I would like to live in countryside.
True or false? 21. I had cold last month.	Talk about... 22. most expensive thing you've ever bought.	True or false? 23. I usually meet my friends at weekend.	Talk about... 24. something you like to do in evening.	True or false? 25. I once ran in marathon.	Talk about... 26. what you were doing hour ago.
Talk about... 20. what teachers at your school are like.					
True or false? 19. I eat junk food more than twice week.	Talk about... 18. the last time you went to cinema.	True or false? 17. I have older brother/sister.	Talk about... 16. new language you would like to learn.	True or false? 15. I use Internet every day.	Talk about... 14. something interesting you've done in last week.
					True or false? 13. I live in apartment.
True or false? 7. I have seen ancient monument.	Talk about... 8. person you know very well.	True or false? 9. I have been to USA.	Talk about... 10. how much umbrella costs.	True or false? 11. I never listen to radio.	Talk about... 12. what student on your right is wearing.
Talk about... 6. most beautiful place you have visited.					
True or false? 5. I can play musical instrument.	Talk about... 4. animals you can see at zoo.	True or false? 3. I'm thinking of buying new mobile phone.	Talk about... 2. what you usually do in summer.	True or false? 1. I saw interesting film recently.	Start