

## Teacher notes

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# Present simple board game

## Language point

Present simple tense

## Aim

To practise the present simple tense and develop fluency.

## Activity

Students ask and answer questions using the present simple in order to move along the board and reach the end.

## Organization

Group work.

## Preparation

Make a copy of the board game for each group of three or four students.

Each player needs a counter and each group needs a dice.

## What do I do?

- 1 Divide students into groups of 3 or 4.
- 2 Give each player a counter and each group a dice.
- 3 Students place their counters on START and throw the dice to decide who starts.
- 4 Student A throws the dice and moves forward that number of squares.
- 5 Student B asks Student A the question on that square. If Student A answers with the correct form, and the rest of the group agree that the answer is correct, Student A's counter remains where it is. If the answer is incorrect, the counter returns to its original square.
- 6 Students take it in turns, repeating step 5 and moving around the board until one student reaches FINISH. This student is the winner!

*To develop fluency, encourage the group to develop a short conversation after each answer with follow up questions.*

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| <b>Start</b>   | <p>1</p> <p><b>How OFTEN DO YOU SWIM?</b></p>  | <p>2</p> <p>What do you usually do in the mornings?</p>       | <p>3</p> <p><b>What do you usually do in the evenings?</b></p>            | <p>4</p> <p>Miss a turn!</p>                               |
| <p>9</p> <p><b>How OFTEN DO YOU WATCH TV?</b></p>              | <p>8</p> <p>Go back 2 spaces</p>   | <p>7</p> <p><i>What do you usually eat for breakfast?</i></p> | <p>6</p> <p><b>WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO AT THE WEEKENDS ?</b></p>           | <p>5</p> <p><b>How OFTEN DO YOU COOK?</b></p>              |
| <p>10</p> <p>Where do you usually eat lunch?</p>               | <p>11</p> <p><i>When do you usually go on holi day?</i></p>                          | <p>12</p> <p><i>How often do you go to the cinema?</i></p>    | <p>13</p> <p><b>What do you do in your free time?</b></p>                 | <p>14</p> <p>Move forward 2 spaces</p>                     |
| <p>19</p> <p><b>WHAT TIME DO YOU USUALLY GO TO BED?</b></p>    | <p>18</p> <p>Miss a turn!</p>  | <p>17</p> <p><b>How OFTEN DO YOU READ?</b></p>                | <p>16</p> <p><b>WHAT IS YOUR DAILY ROUTINE?</b></p>                       | <p>15</p> <p>How many languages do you speak?</p>          |
| <p>20</p> <p>How many times a day do you brush your teeth?</p> | <p>21</p> <p><i>What 's the first thing you usually do when you arrive home?</i></p> | <p>22</p> <p><b>WHERE DO YOU USUALLY EAT DINNER?</b></p>      | <p>23</p> <p><b>How many glasses of water do you drink every day?</b></p> | <p>24</p> <p>Move forward 3 spaces!</p>                    |
| <b>Finish</b>  | <p>28</p> <p>Go back 2 spaces!</p>   | <p>27</p> <p>How often do you play games like this?</p>       | <p>26</p> <p><b>What do you usually eat for lunch?</b></p>                | <p>25</p> <p><i>What do you usually do on Sundays?</i></p> |