Teacher notes

Conditional board game

Language point
First and second conditionals.

Aim
To practise first and second conditional structures.

Activity
Students ask and answer questions using the first and second conditionals 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 conditional 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.

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

6 Students take it in turns, repeating step 5 and moving around the board until one student reaches FINISH. This student is the winner!
Start

What will you do / What would you do...
1 ... IF YOU MET THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT?
2 ... IF YOU GO OUT TONIGHT?
3 ... IF IT RAINS TONIGHT?
4 Miss a turn!
5 ... IF YOU COULD SPEAK PERFECT ENGLISH?
6 ... IF YOU ARE SICK TOMORROW?
7 ... IF YOU CAN’T SLEEP TONIGHT?
8 Go back 2 spaces
9 ... IF YOU SAW TOM CRUISE WALK BY THE CLASSROOM?
10 ... IF YOU FOUND $100 ON THE STREET?
11 ... IF YOU BROKE YOUR FRIEND’S FAVOURITE DVD?
12 ... IF THIS BUILDING CAUGHT FIRE?
13 ... IF YOU SAW YOUR TEACHER IN A POLICE CAR?
14 Move forward 2 spaces
15 ... IF YOU HAVE A HEADACHE TONIGHT?
16 ... IF YOU GET A LOT OF HOMEWORK?
17 ... IF YOU NEEDED A LOT OF MONEY VERY QUICKLY?
18 Miss a turn!
19 ... IF YOU HIT A CAT WITH YOUR CAR?
20 ... IF YOU SPOKE PERFECT RUSSIAN?
21 ... IF YOUR BEST FRIEND FORGOT YOUR BIRTHDAY?
22 ... IF YOU LOST THE KEYS TO YOUR HOUSE?
23 ... IF YOUR TV BROKE?
24 Move forward 3 spaces!
25 ... IF YOU HAD AN IMPORTANT EXAM IN TWO DAYS TIME?
26 ... IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?
27 ... IF YOUR FRIDGE WAS EMPTY TONIGHT?
28 Go back 2 spaces!

Finish

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