



Cambridge University Language Centre

Board Game Competition Guidelines

The Competition

This is a competition for groups of Year 9 pupils to devise and create a languages board game (standard board game size or A3) for a clearly defined target market with a sport/Olympics theme.

There will be prizes for the winning group and a copy of the winning game will be manufactured by Adrenaline Brush Ltd (a game designing company).

The winning school will receive a CULP4SC course for a maximum of 20 pupils in a choice of 6 languages (French, German, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin, Arabic). For more information on CULP4SC see <http://www.langcen.cam.ac.uk/com/community.php?c=1>

Suggested Lesson Plan for Introducing the Project

- 1) Question: What is your favourite game?
- 2) List games and put them into categories (board, card,)
- 3) Brainstorm in groups what makes a good board game
- 4) Play language version of popular games, if you have them, or use the Arsenal Double Club version of Snakes and Ladders (see appendix 1). For glossary of game playing terminology in French, German and Spanish see appendix 2.

- 5) Introduce the board game competition
- 6) Use the opportunity to consolidate Sport vocabulary either before, during or after this lesson

Things to think about when creating your game:

- Target audience
 - age
Think about the age of the players - this will affect how simple or detailed it is. If your game is for young children you will need it to be simple, fun and educational. If it's for adults you might want to make it more complicated.
 - level of language
 - language
- Theme
 - Will your game require some skill, like Monopoly or Scrabble or will it rely just on luck like Snakes & Ladders? Whichever you go for, use your imagination to make it fun and exciting.
 - Will your game include cards with tasks or questions, like Monopoly?

- Remember the overall theme of your game has to be sport/Olympics-related (NB the Olympics logo is copyright and therefore may not be used in the competition).

- Rules

Think about the rules and general directions of your game. Try to keep the rules as simple as possible. Here are some things to think about:

- What is the aim of your game?
- How do the winners win?
- How many players can play (minimum and maximum)
- Is the game educational, just for enjoyment, or a mixture of both?
- What will the board look like?
- What pieces are needed for your game? Beware of copyright - have fun creating your own characters.

Getting started:

- Form a group of 2-6 people.

- Sketch out your design -this will help you to see whether you need more or less detail. Don't forget to make a clearly defined beginning and end.
- Decide what material you'd like to make your board from. It could be paper or card but it will need to be sturdy enough to be played on so you might like to get it laminated. Otherwise you could use a cereal packet or even an old game board and cover it or paint over it (make sure you have permission to use it first!).
- Remember to make your board as bright and fun as possible to attract players and make them want to play your game.
- Make the pieces. You could make them out of card, Fimo or plasticine.
- If your game needs a dice or spinner, you could make your own or use one from an existing game.
- Print out the rules for your game in your chosen language. Make sure the rules are fair and clear. You want your game to be as enjoyable as possible.
- Test, test and test again!

Some tips:

- Use a ruler to make straight lines so that your game looks neat

- Ask around to find out what your family and friends think makes a good game.
- Make sure your game looks as professional as possible.
- Keep the rules as simple as possible.
- Make sure there is an obvious winner.
- Make sure you don't infringe copyright - have fun creating everything yourselves.

What you'll need:

- A base
- Pieces
- Dice/Spinner etc
- Colouring materials (markers, paints etc)
- Scissors
- Glue or sellotape
- Ruler
- Computer - you might like to design everything on the computer

Some links/resources to help you:

There are 26 sports and 38 events:



Archery



Athletics



Badminton



Basketball



Beach Volleyball



Boxing



Canoe Slalom



Canoe Sprint



Cycling – BMX



Cycling – Mountain
Bike



Cycling – Road



Cycling – Track



Diving



Equestrian –
Dressage



Equestrian –
Eventing



Equestrian –
Jumping



Fencing



Football



Gymnastics –
Artistic



Gymnastics –
Rhythmic



Gymnastics –
Trampoline



Handball



Hockey



Judo



Modern Pentathlon



Rowing



Sailing



Shooting



Swimming



Synchronised
Swimming



Table Tennis



Taekwondo



Tennis



Triathlon



Volleyball



Water Polo



Weightlifting



Wrestling

For more details go to: <http://www.london2012.com/sport>

For a French football version of Snakes & Ladders from Arsenal Double Club see next page.

How the competition works:

- Each school can enter its 3 best games. If you have more than one class competing then we suggest you run a class and then a whole year competition to select the winning games that will be entered for the main competition
- Entries should be packed carefully and sent to Jackie Bow, Cambridge University Language Centre, Downing Place, Cambridge, CB2 3EL
- The deadline is 30th March, 2012

Appendix 1: Snakes & Ladders

DOUBLE CLUB: GERMAN



SCARVES AND LADDERS

TOP!	41 Wer ist dein Lieblingspieler in der Arsenal-Mannschaft, und warum?	40  Was ist das?	39	38 Nenne einen deutschen Spieler, der in Großbritannien spielt ...	37	36  Was heißt 'penalty' auf Deutsch?
29  Was heißt 'football boots' auf Deutsch?	30	31	32 Auf welcher Position spielt E. Adebayor?	33	34 Wo liegt Hamburg? (Im Norden / Süden / Osten / Westen?)	35  Aus welchem Land kommt C. Fabregas?
28  fünf + neun =?	27	26	25	24	23	22  Was ist das?
15	16	17  Was ist das?	18	19  Wo liegt dieses berühmte Stadion?	20	21
14  In welchen Farben spielt Arsenal?	13	12	11	10	9	8  Was heißt 'striker' auf Deutsch?
ANPFIFF!	2  Was heißt 'referee' auf Deutsch?	3  eins + vier =?	4	5	6	7  In welcher Stadt spielt Hertha BSC?

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SCARVES AND LADDERS – GERMAN ANSWERS

2. Was heißt 'referee' auf Deutsch? - der Schiedsrichter
3. eins + vier =? - fünf
5. Auf welcher Position spielt M. Almunia? - er ist Torwart
7. In welcher Stadt spielt Hertha BSC?
8. Was heißt 'striker' auf Deutsch? - der Stürmer
14. In welchen Farben spielt Arsenal? - rot und weiß
17. Was ist das? - eine kurze Hose
19. Wo liegt dieses berühmte Stadion? - in München
20. Wo liegt Berlin? - Im Osten
22. Was ist das? - eine Kappe
28. fünf + neun = vierzehn
29. Was heißt 'football boots' auf Deutsch? - die Fußballschuhe
32. Auf welcher Position spielt E. Adebayor? - er ist Stürmer
34. Wo liegt Hamburg? - Im Norden
35. Aus welchem land kommt C.Fabregas? - aus Spanien
36. Was heißt 'penalty' auf Deutsch? - der Elfmeter
38. Nenne einen deutschen Spieler, der in Großbritannien spielt - any German player playing in the UK - e.g. Michael Ballack
40. Was ist das? - Ein Schal
41. Wer ist dein Lieblingsspieler in der Arsenal-Mannschaft, und warum?
- participants have to say who is their favourite player in the Arsenal team, and why.



Appendix 2: Game-playing Glossary

English	Español	Français	Deutsch
For writing the rules:	a escribir las reglas del juego:	Pour écrire les règles du jeu:	Um die Spielregel zu schreiben:
board	tablero (m)	plateau (m)/tapis du jeu (m)	Spielbrett (n)
counter	ficha (f)	pion (m)	Spielfigur (f)
die	dado (m)	dé (m)	Würfel (m)
card	tarjeta (f)	carte (f)	Karte (f)
pencil	lápiz (m)	crayon (m)	Bleistift (m)
paper	papel (m)	papier (m)	Papier (n)
player	jugador/a (m/f)	joueur (m)	Spieler (m)/ Spielerin (f)
game	juego (m)	jeu (m)	Spiel (n)
team	equipo (m)	équipe (f)	Mannschaft (f)
winner	ganador/a (m/f)	gagnant (m)	Gewinner (m)
loser	perdedor/a (m/f)	perdant (m)	Verlierer (m)
next round	próxima vuelta (f)	prochaine partie(f)	nächste Runde (f)
to play	jugar	jouer	spielen
to win	ganar	gagner	gewinnen
to lose	perder	perdre	verlieren
The aim is to ...	El objetivo es...	Le but est de...	Das Ziel ist ...
You'll need ...	Necesitáis/Necesitan...	Il vous faudra	Ihr braucht ...
The players get into (two)teams.	Los jugadores forman 2 equipos.	Les joueurs forment 2 équipes.	Es gibt zwei Teams.
They choose ...	Eligen...	Ils choisissent ...	Sie wählen ...
They put their counters on 'start'.	Colocan sus ficha en la salida.	Ils mettent les pions sur la case de départ.	Sie stellen die Spielfiguren auf 'Start'.

The players take it in turns	Los jugadores toman turnos.	Ils jouent à tour de rôle.	Sie spielen einer nach dem anderen.
Each player takes a card.	Cada jugador toma una tarjeta.	Chaque joueur tire une carte.	Jeder Spieler nimmt eine Karte.
He throws ...	Él/Ella tira...	Il lance	Er würfelt.
He asks a question	Él/Ella hace una pregunta.	Il pose une question.	Er stellt eine Frage.
He answers the question.	Él/Ella responde la pregunta.	Il répond à la question.	Er antwortet auf die Frage.
He mimes...	Él/Ella hace la mímica de...	Il mime...	Er spielt ...vor.
He guesses...	Él/Ella adivina...	Il devine...	Er ratet.
He misses ago.	Él/Ella pierde un turno.	Il rate un tour.	Er muss eine Runde aussetzen.
For playing the game:	Para jugar:	Et pour jouer :...	Um zu spielen:
It's your turn!	Es tu turno	C'est à toi.	Du bist an der Reihe!
Hurry up!	¡Apresúrate!	Dépêche-toi !	Beeile dich!
Go on!	¡Adelante! / ¡sigue! / ¡avanza! / ¡continúa!	Vas-y !	Los!
Take... !	Toma...	Tire/Pioche...!	Nimm'...!
Move... !	Avanza	Avance ...	Weiter!
Throw !	¡Lanza!	Lance...	Würfle!
Give me... !	Dame...	Donne-moi ...	Gib mir...!
You miss a go!	Pierdes un turno.	Tu passes un tour.	Du darfst diese Runde nicht spielen!
You've won!	Ganaste	Tu as gagné !	Du hast gewonnen!
Congratulations	Felicitaciones	Félicitations!	Herzlichen Glückwunsch!