Growing Up Board Game

Activity Type

Reading, listening and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Used to

Past simple

Aim

To practice 'used to' and the past simple by discussing and answering questions about childhood memories.

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

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this enjoyable board game, students practice 'used to' and the past simple by discussing and answering questions about childhood memories. This game also provides students with a great opportunity to practice building a conversation about growing up and is ideal for teenagers and adults.

Procedure

Divide the class into groups of three or four.

Give each group a copy of the game board, a dice and counters.

The students place their counters on the start square. The first student to throw a six starts the game.

The players then take it in turns to roll the dice and move their counter along the board.

When a player lands on a square, the student on their right asks the player the question on the square about their experience of growing up.

The player then uses 'used to' and the past simple to answer the question.

The group then explores the topic by asking follow-up questions and giving comments.

The first student to reach the finish square wins the game.

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USED TO

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How often did you use to get into trouble?	What games did you use to play?	Who used to be your best friend? Do you still see him/her?				
What complaints did your parents use to have?		**Go forward 4 spaces**	Did you use to be a good or bad student?	Who did you use to fight with?	Did you use to ride a bicycle? If so, where did you ride?	Who used to be your favourite relative? Why?
Oh no! Go back to the start!						Did you use to have a pet? If not, did you want one?
What did you use to love doing in your free time?		**Miss a turn**	What used to be your best school subject?	What did you use to be frightened of?		Who did you use to play with? What did you play?
What did you use to hate doing in your free time?		Who used to be your favourite singer/band?		What did you use to look like?		What did you use to do on your school holidays?
What TV programmes did you use to watch?		What is your best memory of growing up?		What used to be your biggest problem?		**Go forward 2 spaces**
Go forward 3 spaces		What used to be your biggest dream?		**Oh no! Go back**		What used to be your favourite toy?
What did you use to do at the weekends?		**Finish!**		Who used to be your idol or hero?		What food did you use to like?
What sports did you use to play? Who did you play with?				Did you use to have to be home at a certain time?		Where did you use to live when you were growing up?
What used to be your favourite film? Why?	**Go back 2 spaces**	Where did you use to go on holiday?	Who was your first boyfriend/ girlfriend?	Did you use to get good grades in school?		**Start**

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