St Valentine’s Game

-1- Have you ever written a love letter?

-2- What does Valentine’s Day mean to you?

-3- Loves me!
  (Go forward 3 squares)

-4- What qualities are most important to you in a partner?

-5- Today many marriages end in divorce. What do you think are some of the reasons for this?

-6- Have you ever met someone over the Internet? Do you think that this type of relationships can be successful?

-7- Loves me not!
  (Go back 3 squares)

-8- Would you be willing to move to a different city/country to be with the person you loved?

-9- What’s your idea of a perfect romantic evening?

-10- How would you react if your son/daughter told you that s/he was engaged to someone of a different religion?

-11- From your point of view, is it better to marry someone of the same social and educational background?

-12- What are the advantages and disadvantages of getting married? Don’t you think it’s better to stay single?

-13- Loves me!
  (Go forward 3 squares)

-14- At what age do most people in your country get married? In your opinion, is there an ideal age to get married?

-15- In your country, do women usually work after getting married?

-16- What makes a happy marriage?

-17- Loves me not!
  (Go back 3 squares)

-18- Have your parents ever disapproved of any of your relationships?

-19- Do you want to have children? If so, how many?

-20- Can you remember your first date? Where did you go? What did you do?

-21- Loves me!
  (Go forward 3 squares)

-22- Do you think that your personality will change if you ever get married?

-23- What do you do with your old Valentine cards and presents?

-24- Did you use to / Do you fall in love easily?

-25- Loves me not!
  (Go back 3 squares)

-26- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Valentine’s Day is just another commercial event.

-27- If you could to spend a romantic evening with anyone you wanted to, who would it be?

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Teacher’s notes

LEVEL: intermediate and upper-intermediate
STUDENTS: young adults and adults
TYPE OF ACTIVITY: board game
AIM: to improve the students’ fluency by speaking in small
groups and to build their vocabulary
VOCABULARY: words connected with love, relationships and marriage
TIMING: 30 minutes

PROCEDURE: 1. Students get into groups of three or four. Each student
will need a counter and each group will need a game board
and a dice.

2. All the counters are put on the square marked START
and the first player to throw a six starts the game.

3. The students take turns to roll the dice and move along
the board according to the number on the dice. When a
student lands on a square, s/he will have to talk for two
minutes without stopping about the question on the square.
When a student lands on a square with a daisy (a “Loves
me” or “Loves me not” square) s/he will have to follow
the instructions on the square and go forward or go back
three spaces.

4. The game continues until one of the players reaches the
FINISH square.

COMMENTS: This game should ideally be played on or around February
the 14th, St Valentine’s Day. For those teachers who teach
in a country where this tradition does not exist, this game
might be a nice way to bring a little culture into their
classrooms.