

# St Valentine's Game



<b>START</b>	-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?  ▼
-9- What's your idea of a perfect romantic evening?  ▼	-8- Would you be willing to move to a different city/country to be with the person you loved?  ◀	-7- ☹ Loves me not!  (Go back 3 squares)	-6- Have you ever met someone over the Internet? Do you think that this type of relationships can be successful?  ◀	-5- Today many marriages end in divorce. What do you think are some of the reasons for this?  ◀
-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?  ▼
-19- Do you want to have children? If so, how many?  ▼	-18- Have your parents ever disapproved of any of your relationships?  ◀	-17- ☹ Loves me not!  (Go back 3 squares)	-16- What makes a happy marriage?  ◀	-15- In your country, do women usually work after getting married?  ◀
-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?  ▼
<b>FINISH</b>	-28- Are you a romantic person?  ◀	-27- If you could to spend a romantic evening with anyone you wanted to, who would it be?  ◀	-26- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: <i>Valentine's Day is just another commercial event.</i>  ◀	-25- ☹ Loves me not!  (Go back 3 squares)



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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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.