Lesson Share TEACHER'S NOTES

Time expressions
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Age:	Teenagers / Adults
Level:	Pre-intermediate–intermediate
Time:	45 minutes
Objectives:	To reach the end of the board game with the highest number of points by forming questions or affirmative or negative sentences whilst using the time expressions typically used with the past simple and present perfect tenses
Key skills:	Grammar, speaking
Materials:	One set of 48 cards (cut up) per group of three or four students (keep the Q, A and N cards in each set separate); one copy of the board game plus one die and three or four checkers per group of three or four students

Procedure

1. Put the students in groups of three or four. Place one set of cards in three piles (Qs, As and Ns) face down on the table in front of each group.

2. The players take it in turns to throw the die and move the number thrown.

3. When a player lands on a Q, A or N square they take the top card from the corresponding pile and create a Question or Affirmative or Negative sentence using the time expression on that card. For example:

    Card – Q: ever

    Student: Have you ever ridden on an elephant before?

    Card – A: twice

    I've ridden on a donkey twice.

    Card – N: this week

    I haven't ridden a camel this week.

    If the player uses the correct tense with the expression given, they receive a point. The card is then placed at the bottom of the pile.

4. Play continues in a clockwise direction.

5. Monitor and write down any mistakes the players make, offering them an opportunity at the end of the game to correct them. Students receive additional points for each mistake they correct.

6. The winner is the player with the highest number of points for correct sentences.

Lesson Share BOARD GAME

Past simple and present perfect time expressions

START ▼						FINISH ▲
Q		GO BACK 2	N	Q		Q
N		N		A		Q
A		Q		N		A
A		Q		N		A
N		N		A		Q
Q	MOVE AHEAD 1	A		Q	GO BACK 1	N

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A yesterday	A last week	A two weeks ago	A last month
A on Sunday	A last weekend	A last Wednesday	A a year ago
A for	A since	A already	A just
A once	A twice	A since	A till now
N three months ago	N a week ago	N two months ago	N five years ago
N an hour ago	N two hours ago	N in 2016	N at 4 o'clock

Lesson Share CARDS

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N yet	N lately	N never	N recently
N for	N since	N this week	N yet
Q yesterday morning	Q in 2010	Q the day before yesterday	Q on Monday
Q the week before last	Q yesterday afternoon	Q a long time ago	Q a fortnight ago
Q ever	Q so far	Q how many	Q how long
Q so far	Q in your life	Q this year	Q up to now