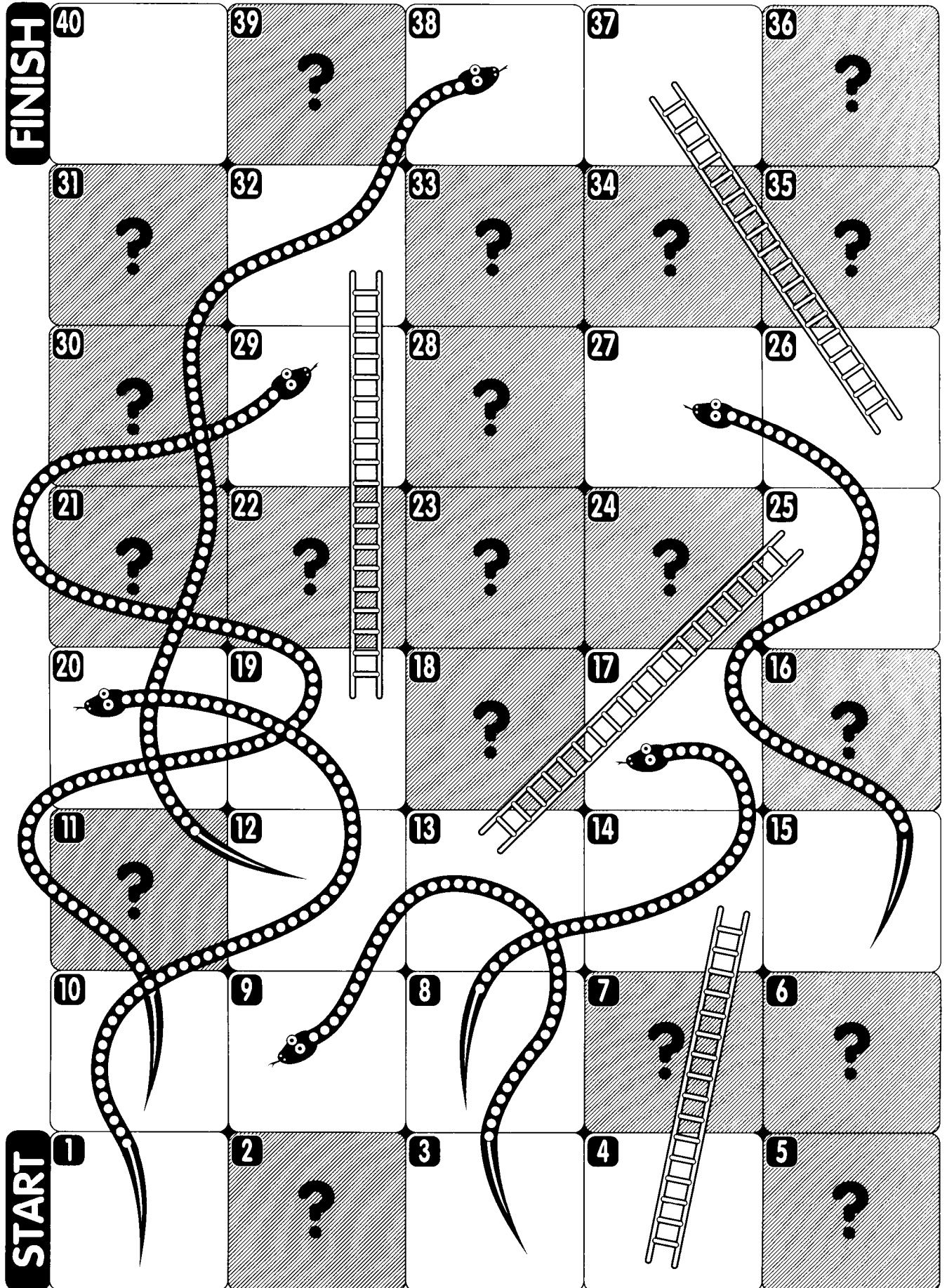


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**Facts A**

- Mikhail Gorbachev was the last president of the USSR. ✓
- Buzz Aldrin was the first person on the moon. ✗ (He was the second person on the moon. Neil Armstrong was the first.)
- The artist Pablo Picasso was Spanish. ✓
- The old name for New York was New Copenhagen. ✗ (It was called New Amsterdam.)
- Indira Ghandi was the wife of the Prime Minister of India. ✗ (She was the Prime Minister.)
- Ronald Reagan was an actor before he was president of the USA. ✓
- The first football World Cup was in 1950. ✗ (It was in 1930.)
- Tutankhamen was King of Egypt when he was 11 years old. ✓
- Elvis Presley was in ten films. ✗ (He was in 31 films.)
- Catherine the Great was Empress of Russia for 34 years. ✓
- Aphrodite was the Greek goddess of love. ✓ (Venus was her Roman name.)
- Mozart was German. ✗ (He was Austrian.)
- The singer Bob Marley was from Cuba. ✗ (He was from Jamaica.)
- Alison Hargreaves was the first woman to reach the South Pole. ✗ (She was the first woman to climb Mount Everest.)
- The French Revolution was in 1789. ✓
- The oldest person in the world was 112 years old when he died. ✗ (He was 121.)

**Facts B**

- The first woman in space was American. ✗ (She was Russian: Valentina Tereshkova.)
- Margaret Thatcher was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain. ✓
- Cleopatra was Greek. ✗ (She was Egyptian.)
- The middle name of American president John F. Kennedy was Fitzgerald. ✓
- Sting was the lead singer of a pop group called 'Roxanne'. ✗ (The group was 'Police'.)
- Ronald Reagan was the president of the USA before Bill Clinton. ✗ (It was George Bush.)
- The last king of France was Louis XVI. ✓
- The Russian revolution was in 1917. ✓
- The winner of the first football World Cup was Argentina. ✗ (It was Uruguay.)
- Abraham Lincoln was the first president of the USA. ✗ (George Washington was the first president.)
- The artist Vincent Van Gogh was 37 when he died. ✓
- The Beatles were from London. ✗ (They were from Liverpool.)
- Hirohito was Emperor of Japan for 62 years. ✓
- The last Russian emperor was Nicolas I. ✗ (It was Nicolas II.)
- The old name for Tokyo was Edo. ✓
- Mozart was 28 when he died. ✗ (He was 35.)

# Snakes and ladders Worksheets 33a and 33b

NOTE: Use Worksheets 33a and 33b for this activity.

## ACTIVITY

Groupwork: speaking

## AIM

To play a board game by saying whether historical facts are true or false.

## GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS

Simple past *be: was/were*

## VOCABULARY

Countries and nationalities

Personal information

Numbers and dates

## PREPARATION

Make one copy of Worksheet 33a (game board) for each pair of students in the class. Make one copy of Worksheet 33b (facts) for each pair of students and separate sections A and B as indicated. Provide dice and counters for each group.

## TIME

20 to 30 minutes

## PROCEDURE

- 1 Choose two facts from Worksheet 33b, write them on the board and ask the students to tell you whether they think they are true or false.

For example:

*Mikhail Gorbachev was the last president of the USSR.*

*The first woman in space was American.*

Tell them the correct answer and explain that they are going to play a game where they have to read out facts from a list you are going to give them for another student to guess whether they are true or false.

- 2 Ask the students to work in pairs of Student A and Student B and give each pair of students one copy of the game board, a dice and counters. Give a copy of Facts A to each Student A and a copy of Facts B to each Student B. They must not let their partner see their own Facts.

- 3 Before the students start playing the game, explain how to play, using the instructions below. Pre-teach expressions they may need while playing the game.

For example:

*Can you repeat the question, please?*

*Yes, that's right. / No, that's wrong.*

*Throw the dice.*

*It's my/your turn.*

- 4 The students are ready to play the game. While they are playing, go around to each group and help them with any pronunciation problems they may have, in particular with names of people and places and the weak forms of was /wəz/ and were /wə/.

## OPTION

You can use the same game board and invent your own questions to practise other grammar or vocabulary points.

## HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

- 1 Players put their counters on the square marked START and throw the dice.
- 2 The first player to throw a six starts the game.
- 3 Player A throws the dice and moves their counter along the board according to the number on the dice.
- 4 If Player A lands on a square with a ?, Player B reads out one of the facts from their list. Player A has to say whether it is true or false. If the answer is not correct, Player A misses the next turn.
- 5 Players who land on a square with a ladder leading up to another square move their counters up to the top of the ladder. Players who land on a square with a snake's head have to move their counter down the snake to the square at the end of its tail. They then wait for their next turn before they can throw the dice again and move forward.
- 6 The game continues until the first player reaches FINISH.