Design your own board game

Support your child as they make their own board game.

Duration 30–45 mins
Themes learned: Creating, Problem-solving, Researching, Staying safe online

What you’ll need to get started

- Instructions
- Board game template
- Question template

Instructions

1. With your child, discuss what type of board game they’d like to make – perhaps based on a TV show, their favourite book or favourite animal. Once they’ve selected a topic, ask them if they have any ideas for questions they may like to include in their game.
2. Depending on the theme for their board game, help them think of questions they might like to ask – for example what country their favourite animal is from, when their favourite book was written, or who the main character is in their TV show.
3. Use a search engine such as Google to explore further potential questions and answers for their game.
4. When looking online, ask your child, “how can we make our search as targeted as possible?” Look for/prompt answers like “use quotation marks to group words together to make sure we search for a phrase.”
5. Using the template as a guide, either write down the questions and answers your child develops or use Microsoft Word (or a similar word processing program) to note down 16 questions and their corresponding answers, covering all 16 squares of the board.
6. Make sure your child has their questions and answers to hand and, using a die, play the game with another family member or friend.

Helpful tips

When helping your child use a search engine make sure the appropriate filters are set. For example, if using Google, make sure the Google Safe Search filter has been turned on. To do this, go to Search Settings in your internet browser, find the ‘SafeSearch filters’ section, turn on SafeSearch, tap ‘Filter Explicit Results’ and at the bottom of the screen, tap ‘Save’. This will make sure links to explicit content do not appear.

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Start

End

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Questions

Answers

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