

Business travel game

Rules

Play in groups of four or five.


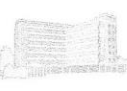

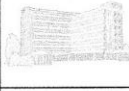


You need a die for each group and one counter for each player.

- 1 Take turns to throw the die and move to a square.
- 2 Follow the instructions on the square.
- 3 If you perform the task correctly (according to the other players or your teacher), you get 10 points.
- 4 If another player has already landed on the square and explained the word(s) in bold, you can't earn the extra points unless you can think of an alternative expression.
- 5 If you land on a *Culture clash* square, you have to pick a card and give it to the person next to you, who will ask you a question. Answer the question correctly for 10 points.
- 6 You needn't throw the exact number to reach *Finish*.
The first player to reach *Finish* gets 100 points.
The second player gets 60 points.
The third player gets 30 points.
- 7 When the third player reaches *Finish*, the game ends. The winner is the player with the most points.

Culture-clash cards

<p>Culture clash! Q: True or false? In Japan, the most important person in a meeting sits nearest to the door. A: False. They usually sit furthest from and facing the door. If they were correct, tell them to go forward to the next blank space.</p>	<p>Culture clash! Q: If you have a delicious meal in a restaurant in Beijing, how much should you leave as a tip? A: Nothing. Tipping is not common in most Asian countries. If they were correct, tell them to go forward to the next blank space.</p>	<p>Culture clash! Q: True or false? Everyone uses first names in business in America. A: False. It is very common, but only call an older person, or someone more senior, by their first name if they invite you to. If they were correct, tell them to go forward to the next blank space.</p>	<p>Culture clash! Q: True or false? In the Middle East, it is considered impolite to take phone calls in meetings. A: False. For an Arab business person, it is rude not to take the call. If they were correct, tell them to go forward to the next blank space.</p>
<p>Culture clash! Q: True or false? In Russia, major decisions tend to be made in formal meetings of senior management. A: Generally false. Formal meetings are often held to confirm decisions which have been made elsewhere. If they were correct, tell them to go forward to the next blank space.</p>	<p>Culture clash! Q: In Switzerland, how important is small talk before a meeting? A: Not very important. People usually prefer to keep their business and personal life separate, so there is little small talk prior to starting a meeting. If they were correct, tell them to go forward to the next blank space.</p>	<p>Culture clash! Q: True or false? Shaking hands when meeting someone is acceptable all over the world. A: True. Although some countries have their own traditions, such as bowing in Japan, globalisation means that shaking hands is commonplace. If they were correct, tell them to go forward to the next blank space.</p>	<p>Culture clash! Q: True or false? In China, a formal meal to celebrate a business deal can be up to 30 courses long. A: True. Avoid finishing everything, as this means you are still hungry and more food will be served to you. If they were correct, tell them to go forward to the next blank space.</p>

DAY 1 You're in a meeting at another company. You need to go straight to the airport to begin a business trip as soon as the meeting ends. The problem is, the meeting is taking forever. Go to Square 1.

1 START This is an important client. End the meeting, explain the situation, but be polite!	2 You need a taxi to the airport. Perhaps your host can help. What do you say? 	3 Get in the taxi. The driver says <i>Where to?</i> How do you reply?	4	5 You can't find your passport. Go back one space.	6 At airport security, they ask you a question: <i>Did you these bags ?</i> Complete the gaps.	7 Culture clash! Take a card, give it to the person next to you and answer the question.	8 You have some time to kill. Order a coffee.
16 You arrive at the hotel. The receptionist says <i>Can I help you?</i> What do you say?	15 	14 One of your bags is missing. Go to the desk and explain where you're staying so they can deliver the bag later.	13 There is a huge queue at immigration. Miss a turn.	12 Culture clash! Take a card, give it to the person next to you and answer the question.	11 The flight attendant says <i>Can I offer you anything to drink?</i> How do you reply?	10 You board the plane and head for seat 10F. Someone is already sitting there. What do you say?	9 The person making your coffee says <i>How do you like it?</i> What do you say?
17 Your room is not ready yet. Go back two spaces.	18 Culture clash! Take a card, give it to the person next to you and answer the question.	19 You're hungry. Call reception and ask for information on local restaurants. You like Italian food.	20 You find a nice Italian restaurant. A waiter says <i>Good ?</i> <i>Table ?</i> Complete the gaps.	21 In the restaurant, the waiter says <i>Are you ready to order?</i> Chicken soup, then steak sounds good. What do you say?	22 Your food takes a long time to come, so the restaurant offers you a free dessert. Go to square 24.	23 You want to pay for your dinner. What do you say to the waiter?	24
32	31 You decide to walk back to your hotel (The Bristol), but you get lost. Ask someone for directions. 	30 You have had a successful meeting with Mr Peters. Thank him and invite him to join you for dinner this evening.	29 Time for some small talk. Make a comment about the weather or the city you're in.	28 Culture clash! Take a card, give it to the person next to you and answer the question.	27 Your client, Mr Peters, arrives. You have never met him face to face before. Introduce yourself.	26 Your client, Mr Peters, is late for work. His PA offers you some tea while you wait. What do you say?	25 DAY 2 You arrive at the client's offices to meet Mr Peters. Explain who you are and what you want to the receptionist.
33 DAY 3 It's time to leave your hotel. What do you say at reception? 	34 Off to the train station to buy a ticket to your next destination. What do you say to the ticket seller?	35 Culture clash! Take a card, give it to the person next to you and answer the question.	36 It's very hot on the train, but the windows are all closed. What could you say to the other passengers?	37 One of your fellow passengers is having trouble lifting a heavy bag. Offer to help.	38 While you're on the train, call your next appointment. Leave a message on her voicemail explaining where you are and when you'll arrive.	39 The train arrives early. Go to square 42 	40 You decide to go to a café for a coffee. There is only one empty seat. What do you say to the person in the next seat?
48 FINISH HOME AT LAST!	47 The company driver picks you up. What does he ask you? Complete the gap: trip? How do you reply?	46 	45 In the airport shop, you see a beautiful pair of shoes. They are too small. What do you say to the shop assistant?	44 Culture clash! Take a card, give it to the person next to you and answer the question.	43 As you're leaving, your host asks you to say hello to one of your colleagues for him. Complete his request: Give to Tony.	42	41 Another successful meeting. Your host invites you out to celebrate. Unfortunately, you have a plane to catch. What do you say?