

# Activate Ukraine!

On International Games Day!



On International Games Day, November 21, the Regional English Language Office at the US Embassy in Kyiv invites groups of English learners around Ukraine to play Activate Board Games. You can play at your school, with your English club, at one of Ukraine's Windows on America Centers, or at home with your family.

Take a photograph and email it to us, and you can be part of the *Activate Ukraine!* video that we will make soon after November 21.

## What are Activate Board Games?

There are 11 board games designed to get English learners speaking. They are really simple and easy to use. And they work for most levels.

## Where do we get Activate Board Games?

All the games are available for free download from the American English website. Follow these links directly to each game:



Activate Board Games in Cherkasy

1. Name Your Favorite
2. What Someone Does
3. Have You Ever..? Oh, When?
4. Use a Word
5. Which One is Different?
6. Name Three
7. About Me
8. What Do I Know About...
9. Would You Rather
10. What You Might Find
11. Which One Would the World Be Better Without
12. Make your Own Game with this template

If you live in Kyiv, Ukraine and you want to host a game session, we will do our best to get you a hardcopy. Write to

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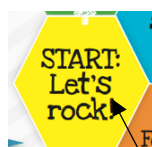
## How do we play Activate Board Games?

It's easy.

1. Gather players
2. Get (or make) a die/ dice



3. Get each player a **game piece**—a coin a button, a paper clip, etc. Put these on the space that says “Start.”



4. Take turns. Each player rolls the die and moves on the board.
5. Talk a lot.



Here's a sample. Let's say I am on START and I roll a four. I move to the space that says “Hot Drink.” I answer, “My favorite hot drink is coffee.” But I might want to add some more information. For instance, “I drink coffee every day. Several times. It just makes me feel good. It's probably the best drink ever. Although I like teas too...”

So you see, the answer can be very short, or it can be very long. There is never a single *correct* answer in Activate Board Games. If other players ask questions, and conversations occur, that's fine. That's Activate!

## Can we have more instructions?

Sure. You can

- \* download the instructions [here](#).
- \* watch this [16-minute video](#).
- \* download the entire [Activate Teachers Manual](#).
- \* [check out RELO Kyiv's Facebook page](#).

## Do we have to play on November 21?

No. Our goal is to get everyone playing on International Games Day, but November you can play on another date, for instance, if you have a class on Friday, November 20.



Activate Board Games at America House, Kyiv

## How can we be part of the *Activate Ukraine!* video?

Glad you asked! After November 21, please send an email with a photo of your group playing Activate games. Tell us the name of your town, and how many people played. If you make a video, send us the link.

We will include your photo in a video showing all the groups who played Activate across all of Ukraine.

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