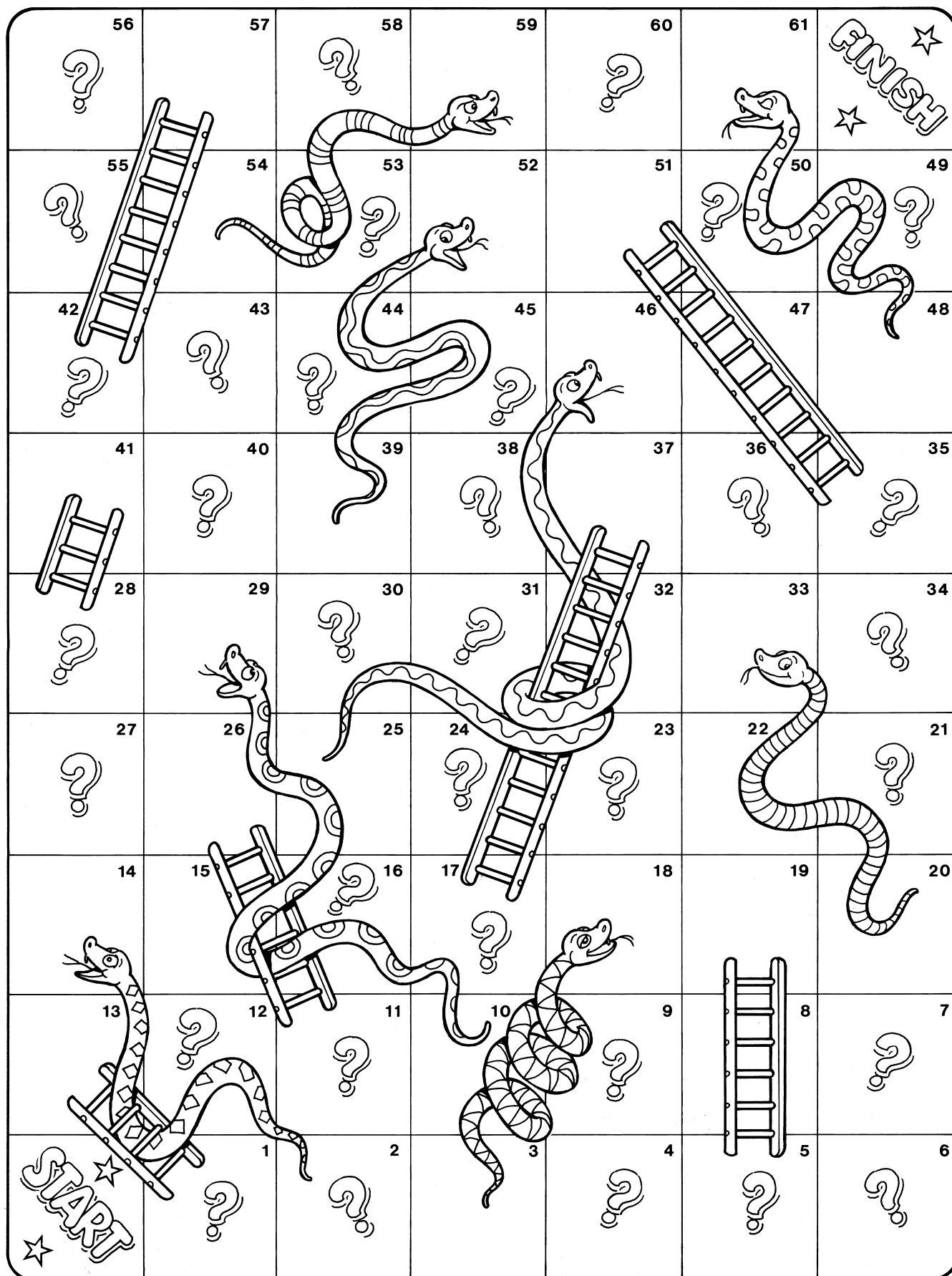


Narrative tenses; Continuous aspect in other tenses



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QUESTION CARDS



1

Which tense is correct?

Tom *walked* / *was walking* home when someone *called* / *was calling* out his name.

2

Which tense is correct?

When John *phoned* / *was phoning*, I *wrote* / *was writing* an essay. I *finished* / *was finishing* it at midnight.

3

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

When she was getting home, her husband was watching football on television.

4

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

As soon as she was seeing the time, she was jumping out of bed.

5

Which tense: Past simple or Past continuous?

While we (wait) for the guests to arrive, Sally (ring) to say she couldn't come.

6

Which tense: Past simple or Past continuous?

When he (arrive) at the party, everyone (talk) and (laugh).

7

Which tense is correct?

Sam's friends *had already gone* / *had already been going* by the time he *got* / *was getting* there.

8

Which tense is correct?

As soon as Cath shut the car door, she *realised* / *was realising* she *had left* / *had been leaving* the keys inside.

9

Which tense is correct?

They *waited* / *were waiting* until everybody *had left* / *had been leaving* the bank and then they *broke in* / *were breaking in* through the window.

10

Which tense: Past perfect simple or Past perfect continuous?

When the helicopter finally found us, we (sit) in the lifeboat for hours and (eat) all our food.

11

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

Tom was exhausted because he'd been working too hard.

12

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

By the time the emergency food supplies arrived, 30 people had been dying.

13

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

Before the accident he'd never been thinking anything like this would happen to him.

14

What's the difference between these two sentences?

- a He'd been trying to phone her before she left the country.
- b He'd tried to phone her before she left the country.

15

Which tense is correct?

He is *working* / *has been working* there since he *left* / *was leaving* university.

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QUESTION CARDS



16

Which tense is correct?

He *is playing* / *has been playing* tennis since he *started* / *was starting* school.

17

Which tense: Present perfect simple or continuous?

Oh no! The train (stop) again! I (sit) on this train for hours and I (already / miss) my first meeting!

18

Which tense: Present perfect simple or continuous?

You're covered in mud and you (tear) your T-shirt!
You (play) rugby, haven't you?

19

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

Careful where you walk. Susie's been breaking a vase and Johnny's already cut himself.

20

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

They've been living next door for years, but we've never spoken to them.

21

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

I've been knowing him for a few months, but I've only been meeting his sister once.

22

Which tense is correct?

Normally I *get up* / *am getting up* at eight, but this week I *get up* / *am getting up* at seven because I have to start work early.

23

Which tense: Present simple or continuous?

Peter (play) football at the moment. He (want) to be a footballer when he grows up.

24

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

I'm loving hamburgers! I eat five every day and I eat one at the moment!

25

What's the difference between these two sentences?

- a What do you think?
- b What are you thinking?

26

What's the difference between these two sentences?

- a He's very rude.
- b He's being very rude.

27

Which tense is correct?

This time next week I'll *lie* / *'ll be lying* on a beach in Spain.

28

Which tense is correct?

Don't come round at eight. I'll *put* / *'ll be putting* the children in bed then.

29

Is this sentence right or wrong? (If it's wrong, correct it.)

When I arrive at the station, my parents will wait for me.

30

What's the difference between these two sentences?

- a I'll be cooking dinner when you get home.
- b I'll cook dinner when you get home.

Instructions and Answer key

You will need: one snakes and ladders board and one set of Question cards per group of three students; dice and counters

- Divide students into groups of three and give each group a snakes and ladders board, a set of question cards (shuffled, face down), counters and dice.
- Students take it in turns to throw the dice. When they land on a square with a question mark on it, they must take a question card from the top of the pile. If the student answers the question correctly, he/she stays on the square and the next student takes his/her turn.
- If one player thinks a student's answer is wrong, he/she can challenge him/her. The teacher adjudicates (see Answer key).
- If a student lands at the foot of a ladder, he/she must get the question correct before he/she can go up it. If a student lands on the head of a snake, he/she must slide down to its tail.
- The game continues until one student reaches the 'FINISH' square (or the group runs out of question cards).
- At the end of the game students can discuss the cards they got wrong or go through the question cards they didn't answer.

ANSWER KEY

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|---|--|
| 1 was walking, called | 18 have torn, have been playing |
| 2 phoned, was writing, finished | 19 Careful where you walk. Susie's broken a vase and Johnny's already cut himself. |
| 3 When she got home, her husband was watching football on television. | 20 The sentence is correct. |
| 4 As soon as she saw the time, she jumped out of bed. | 21 I've known him for a few months, but I've only met his sister once. |
| 5 were waiting, rang | 22 get up, am getting up |
| 6 arrived, was talking, (was) laughing | 23 is playing, wants |
| 7 had already gone, got | 24 I love hamburgers! I eat five every day and I'm eating one at the moment! |
| 8 realised, had left | 25 Sentence a asks for your opinion. Sentence b asks about what is on your mind/your mental process now. |
| 9 waited, had left, broke in | 26 Sentence a describes his general character/behaviour. Sentence b describes how he is behaving now. |
| 10 had been sitting, had eaten | 27 'll be lying |
| 11 The sentence is correct. | 28 'll be putting |
| 12 By the time the emergency food supplies arrived, 30 people had died . | 29 When I arrive at the station, my parents will be waiting for me. |
| 13 Before the accident he'd never thought anything like this would happen to him. | 30 In sentence a, I will start cooking dinner before you get home. In sentence b, I will start cooking dinner when you get home. |
| 14 In sentence a, he had tried to phone her more than once/repeatedly. In sentence b, he had tried to phone her once. | |
| 15 has been working, left | |
| 16 has been playing, started | |
| 17 has stopped, have been sitting, have already missed | |