# **ABSOLUTELY ENGLISH!**

A FUN AND EFFECTIVE GAME TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

A fun and effective game for improving your English for 2-16 players aged 12 years and up by Fay MacSween & Kelly James
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"Absolutely English!" is a language quiz that challenges and develops your knowledge of English. Whether your level is basic or advanced, "Absolutely English!" offers you a fun and interactive way to practise your English reading, speaking, listening and writing skills. All levels can play together and, no matter what your level is, everyone has a chance of winning, making it an enjoyable and motivating way to improve your English.

#### Game contents:

55 yellow cards (46 Grammar cards + 9 Pot Luck cards)

55 blue cards (46 Vocabulary cards + 9 Pot Luck cards)

55 green cards (46 Phrases cards + 9 Pot Luck cards)

55 red cards (46 This & That cards + 9 Pot Luck cards)

55 purple cards (46 General Knowledge cards + 9 Pot Luck cards)

1 die

1 timer - should you want to set a time limit for a player to give an answer

## Additionally you will need:

- ✓ paper and pen
- ✓ a dictionary and/or internet access, for reference purposes

## Object of the game:

To collect one card from each of the 5 categories by correctly answering questions and then to answer a Grand Finale question.



# Glossary of contents:

#### **Question cards**

There are 5 categories of cards. Each category is a different colour.











Vocabulary

Grammar

**Phrases** 

This & That (e.g. spelling, pronunciation)

General Knowledge (of English speaking countries)

Each card has 5 levels of questions.



**Level 1** basic (approx. CEFR\* – A2)

**Level 2** pre-intermediate (approx. CEFR\* – A2 to B1)

**Level 3** intermediate (approx. CEFR\* – B1 to B2)

Level 4 upper intermediate (approx. CEFR\* - B2 to C1)

Level 5 advanced (approx. CEFR\* – C1 to C2)

**N.B.** These levels are only a guide. In some cases the questions may be more or less challenging for the levels indicated.

#### Pot Luck cards



Each pack of cards contains **9** Pot Luck cards. Pot Luck cards might bring you good or bad luck.

**N.B.** Should you get a Pot Luck card that asks you to take a card from another player/team and that player/team has no cards, you simply put the card to the bottom of its category pack. Bad luck!

#### The die



The die has 5 colours and a star. The colour the die lands on determines the category of card you get. If the die lands on the star, you can choose the category you need or want to answer.

<sup>\*</sup> Common European Framework of References for Languages

#### Preparing to play:

- Choose your level, based on your knowledge of English. (See the level descriptions above.)
- Shuffle each pack of category cards separately and place the 5 packs face down in the middle of the table.
- Decide if you want to play in teams or on your own.

# Playing in teams:

When playing in teams, team members should have similar levels. Take turns in throwing the die, giving answers and reading out questions. Before giving an answer, however, the questions should be discussed within the team.

## How to play:

The game uses standard British English. However, correct answers given using other standard English variations (e.g. American English) are acceptable.

- The game is played in a clockwise direction. The first player to land on the star starts.
- When it is your turn, throw the die. The colour the die shows is the colour of your category card.
- The player on your left picks up your category card and reads out your question.
- If you answer the question correctly, you keep the card. If you cannot answer the
  question or give the wrong answer, the correct answer is read out and the card is
  returned to the bottom of its pack.
- The die then passes to the next player.

## **Swapping option:**

As the game continues, you may win cards that you don't need!

When it is your turn, instead of throwing the die, you have the option of swapping 2 cards you do not need (of any colour) for 1 card that you do need. Place the 2 cards you choose to swap to the bottom of their category packs and tell the player on your left which category you would like.

**N.B.** This card is not for free! You still have to answer the question correctly to collect the card.

#### End of the game:

#### The Grand Finale

As soon as you have collected 1 card from each category, you have qualified for the Grand Finale!

**N.B.** The Grand Finale question is asked immediately – **do not wait** until your next turn.

- The other players choose a category card of their choice for you and read out the question
  of your level. Should the card that is picked up for your Grand Finale question happen to
  be a Pot Luck card, it should be put to the bottom of its category pack and the next card
  should be taken.
- If you cannot answer or give the wrong answer, you have to wait till the next round, when a new question will be chosen for you.
- If you answer the question correctly, you win the game! Congratulations!

#### Have fun!

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