

## Game: Slides and Ladders


*An activity of "The latest Catan board game teaches about climate crisis"*

"The latest Catan board game teaches about climate crisis" (page 26, *What's Up* August 2024) looks at how the latest version of a popular board game requires players to prioritise sustainability. Similarly, try adding a green twist to this simple board game with a partner, then play it in groups of four. Some of you may find this game familiar.

### SECTION A: PREPARE THE GAME

**Items needed:** A large sheet of paper, blank index cards, coloured pencils/pens.

1. On a large sheet of paper, replicate the template given on the second page. Draw five slides and five ladders on the game board (next page). Each one should start on one square and end on another square on another row.
2. Together with a partner, construct 10 multiple-choice questions on climate change. Write each question and its multiple choices on the front of a card; write its answer on the back of the card. Do this for all 10 questions. Put everyone's quiz cards in an envelope.

<p>[Example: quiz card's front]</p> <p><b>QUESTION</b></p> <p>1. What is the greenest transport option?</p> <p>(a) taking the train</p> <p>(b) taking a taxi</p> <p>(c) cycling</p>	<p>[Example: quiz card's back.]</p> <p><b>ANSWER</b></p> <p>1d) cycling.</p>	<p>EXAMPLE OF A QUIZ CARD</p> 
---	--	---

### SECTION B: PLAY THE GAME

**Items needed:** A die (single dice), one small button per player, all the quiz cards.

#### How to play

1. Place all players' buttons on the starting square.
2. Take turns to roll the die. Move your button forward by the number of squares indicated by the die. Go in the direction of the numbers.
3. When your button lands at the top of a slide, you have to pick and answer a quiz card. If your answer is correct, you are safe and can stay in that cell. If your answer is incorrect, go down the slide. Likewise, when you land at the bottom of a ladder, pick and answer a quiz card. If your answer is correct, go up the ladder. If your answer is incorrect, stay where you are.
4. The first player to reach 100, wins. Remember: every player benefits by learning more about climate change!

## Slides and Ladders board

*Replicate this template on a larger sheet of paper. Add the five slides and five ladders. You may also brighten your board with colours.*

**100**

91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81
72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64
55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

**START  
HERE**