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BOARD GAME CHALLENGE
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While we’re all staying safe at home it’s important to think of new ways to keep busy and keep our bodies and minds active, whilst also having fun!

So, what better way to pass the time than by coming up with your very own board game? What’s more, once you’ve created your game you can play together as a family!

Let’s get started!

1. Choose a theme for your game

First you need to decide on a theme for your board game.

What are some of your favourite things?
Some ideas could be:

- Football
- Other sports
- Adventure (eg jungle adventure, pirate adventure, space, explorers, deep sea...)
- Family life and activities
- Films and books
- Landmarks in your town
2. Design your board

You don’t have a board game if you don’t have a board!

Your board could be based on other games that you
like – why not bring all your favourite elements together?
Or you could make up something completely new!

Will it be square, round, a triangle? It can be whatever you decide!

Draw out your board game on paper or cardboard.

Here are some examples:
3. Game pieces and players

How many players can take part in your board game? Is there a minimum and maximum number of players?

How many game pieces do you need and what will they look like?

Make some game pieces out of paper or small objects you can find around your home. These could be plastic figures, coins, buttons, shells or stones.

Use the box below to design your game pieces:
Now have your board and pieces, it’s time to create some challenge cards that fit with the theme of your game. The cards can be used at set points in the game and could include instructions, prizes or forfeits.

Here are some examples:
- You score a hat-trick. Move forward three spaces.
- You got an assist. Earn a token.
- You get a red card. Miss your next turn.
- You foul a player. Go back one space.

Design your cards in the box below or on a separate piece of paper and cut them out.
5. Moving the pieces

How will you move forward in your board game? Will you draw cards, use a spinner, or roll dice? Will you use a combination of these methods?

You could even make your own specialised dice or spinner using the templates below.

6. Play your board game

Now you have created your very own board game it’s time to play!

Gather your family and make sure you take photos to remember the special game you created and the fun you had!