



## Snakes and ladders: Useful phrases

In the video 'Snakes and ladders', the family play the Snakes and ladders board game. You can print this game here:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/crafts/snakes-and-ladders>

Notice how the parents encourage their children to practise colours, ordinal numbers and counting. Here are some useful phrases.

- What colour counter would you like?
- I'm first/second/third/fourth/last.
- Put your counters on the start.
- Roll/throw the dice.
- Six! One, two, three, four, five, six.
- You get another go/turn!
- Whose turn is it? / Is it my turn?
- It's your turn next. / It's my turn now.
- You've landed on a ladder/snake!
- Up the ladder! / Down the snake!
- You're on number twenty-five.
- You're home. You've won!
- Let's see who comes second.

Why not get your child to make their own board game? You can print a template here:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/crafts/board-game-template>

To make the board game, your child needs to choose two squares each to write these phrases (help them if they are not yet able to write):

- Have another go!
- Miss a turn!
- Go forward three spaces.
- Go back three spaces.

In all the other squares, they should draw a picture, for example an animal, some food, a sport, etc., using vocabulary which they already know in English.

Now they can play! When they land on a picture they can either say the word (for example, 'cat') or make a sentence (for example, 'I love cats!') depending on their English level. Have fun!