

# Game Time

Don't get bored...

1. Sometimes <sup>Game of Life</sup> life gives you lemons, other times it sends you luck. After I got my paycheck, I started going to the gym, had a lovely portrait painted of my family, switched jobs with a friend of mine, bought a car, got a tax rebate and got paid again!

following this sequence of spaces forms path in shape of the letter J

Battleship - proper placement of ships gives letter E

2. The Piscataqua River is very busy today. I am patrolling the port. There is a very big ship heading south to the naval yard for repairs, and the captain must see to it that he doesn't crash or block the harbor. There is a submarine heading east, but it will stay above the surface before it gets to the open ocean. A cruiser full of spouses arriving on H-4 visas is heading east. I am heading east, in the middle of a lot of commotion.

Clue - following this room-to-room path gives F

3. After I finished dancing, I walked to the hall to see if our guests had arrived, but they hadn't, so I looked in the lounge for my purple-clad friend. He wasn't there either. Hmm. I needed a hint. Just then, I heard our guests arrive, so I returned to the hall to welcome them in, and took their coats, which I lay on the main staircase. Then we all sat down for dinner.

Scrabble - this description fits the letter F

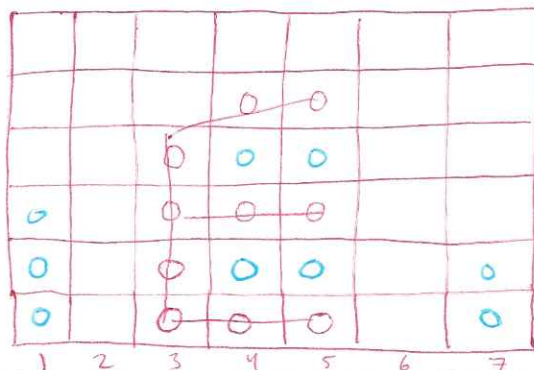
4. There are two of us. I am worth four points. Oh? You want to hear about my "neighbors"? There is a family of twelve, each worth one point, and a family of three, each worth two points. That said, sometimes we settle in nicer areas. When the property value of where I live goes up, so does my net worth. ] "triple letter score" = spaces, erg.

alphabetically E is 12 x 1 points G is 3 x 2 points

Connect Four E - see diagram below

5. These people are not very good at this.

Round	Player 1 ○	Player 2 ○
1	3	1
2	4	7
3	5	4
4	3	5
5	4	1
6	3	7
7	5	5
8	5	4
9	4	1
10	3 <del>4</del> has 4 in a row; game ends	



letter (red) E appears

Snakes & Ladders

connecting these spaces gives letter R

6. Animals and construction are an ill-advised combination. I climbed from 2 to 38, and again scaled from 39 to 63, but then I slid from 64 to 45, then from 46 to 24, and finally from 25 to 6.

original Candyland board

following this path gives path in shape of letter S

7. Things sure are sweet here in 1949. There are colorful mountains to the north, and red and white striped sticks to the south. I have to backtrack, toward the forest, until I come to the hearts again.

reverse direction of normal gameplay

forms a closed loop; letter O

Chess

8. I'm gonna take my horse to the tile floor... I jump west-northwest, north-northeast, east-southeast, and south-southwest. Oh look, I'm back where I started!

Tangrams - assembling shapes in described order / direction gives letter N

9. Think outside the box, which weighs one decagram. Mid-tri pointing east. Then Wonky-quad north of that. Mini-tri north of that, pointing northeast. Mega-tri north of that, pointing southwest. Other Mega-tri southeast of that, pointing northeast. Proper-quad north of that. Other Mini-tri north of that, pointing southeast.

(ten grams)

Monopoly - path described forms letter C

10. I had to backtrack again. After I nearly had a run-in with the police, I passed through some gardens and a parking lot, and paid my electric bill. I was almost all the way back to the shoreline boardwalk when I at last found the 200 dollars I had dropped. (Go)

reverse direction of gameplay

"Go to Jail"

Free Parking

path forms letter O

11. My apologies, this journey is not nearly as interesting as I'd hoped. From where I started, I just traveled along the track, past other competitors, some of whom were being told to start over. I slid a few times on icy patches, but I just kept going and eventually made it to the safe zone.

Sorry

"slides" = in the game

Alex the geologist (etc) best solution is straight path north -> letter I

12. After a long day looking at rocks, I have to get to the store so I can buy myself a nice cold cola. I'm in the desert, three miles west of a long, straight road, and the gas station is ten miles due north from where I am. If I can travel fifty miles per hour on the road and thirty miles per hour in the desert, what's the fastest way to get there?

Origami Board - following R -> E -> V -> J gives path of letter N

13. Plan: Chet will say "REVI" or else he will stay still in the lower left. Not to be confused with Arthur Fellig.

planchette

letter N location

"Weegee"

Answer letters spell out "JEFFERSON COIN"

hinting at puzzle answer NICKEL