

A board game to practise the use of где and куда. Also to practise the prepositional (locative) case including some irregular -ý endings, the accusative case after я иду..., and the use of в and на with different nouns.

Preparation

A professionally produced version of the board is available as an accessory . It comes with counters, dice, question cards and “ПРОПУСК” cards.

The game

Learners start together at СТАРТ. They take turns to throw the dice. Before each throw they are asked two questions, either by the teacher or by another learner:

- Где ты?
- Куда ты идёшь?

They have to answer before they throw the dice. For the first go they might say:

- Я на старте. Я иду в школу.

Then they throw the dice.

If they get a number which takes them exactly where they want to go, then they move there and can have another go. They then have to answer new questions about where they are and where they are going, and throw the dice again.

If they do not get a number which takes them where they want to go, then they move their counter, but they do not get another throw of the dice.

If they land on a question square they have to answer a random question card correctly before their next throw of the dice.

If their score takes them to a «СТОП!» sign, then they have to miss the following turn.

If their score takes them to a «ВОЗЬМИТЕ ПРОПУСК!» square, they take a ПРОПУСК (pass).

If they want to pass through the squares marked «ПРОХОД ЗАКРЫТ!» they can use their ПРОПУСК if they have one, and then put it back in the pile. Without a pass they have to go the longer way round.

If they land on the same square as another player then they have to say hello and make polite conversation in Russian.

To arrive at ФИНИШ and win the game they have to throw the exact number.

Hints and variations

Learners can of course work in pairs. For example six learners can sit around the board using one dice and three counters.

If your group is not too big, the game works well with a large board on the floor and the whole class sitting around.