

INTRODUCTION (for Adults)

TRAVELTHE WORLD is intended as a fun strategy game that will instill an interest in geography at an early age with an awareness of distance and location.

The board game itself will help to teach children where countries are and how large some countries are compared to others.

The countries selected for play are those found on most early school maps and those most commonly used in topics within the National Curriculum. Due to the scale of the board/map it is impossible to depict every country without totally confusing the players. No offence is intended to those countries omitted from the game.

Adults may find the board useful as a means of showing children how far some countries are away from the child's home base, or to show where they are going on holiday etc.

It may also be a useful exercise with younger children to get them acquainted with where the countries are by asking them "Can you find Australia?" etc.

Postcards

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This game is a far more difficult game for children (and a lot of adults!) as it entails matching Capital cities or land marks/animals etc to their countries. The only clue is the picture on the "postcard". (The picture is intended to depict a scene from the relevant country and not necessarily the capital, i.e. the Leaning Tower is in Pisa whereas the capital of Italy is Rome). The pictures vary in difficulty. Adults should therefore select which "postcards" and tickets are to be used (depending on the age and the ability of the child) i.e. Eiffel Tower, Big Ben are relatively easy whereas the differences between Ghana and Nigeria (African costume and village) are very difficult.

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To get the most out of the game, it is useful to use the "postcards" independently beforehand and to discuss them with the players, e.g. "Where do you think this building is? Let's look at the map." For information, the postcards are listed in a little more detail at the back of this booklet.

The games suggested are an introduction to geography and as such need to be built upon by further reading, maps, globes, puzzles, etc. The games should be entered into with a sense of fun that will encourage children to learn as they play.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

FOR 2 - 4 PLAYERS

GAME I "TRAVEL THE WORLD"

Shuffle all the tickets. Place them face down in a pile. Each player picks up 3 or 5 (depending on the chosen level of the game) tickets.

For younger children 5/6 years pick 3 cards. For older children 6/8 years pick 5 cards.

The remaining travel tickets are then put in a pile on the board.

Each player takes their top ticket and this becomes his/her starting place. Each player declares their starting country and places their chosen playing piece on the relevant red dot on the board.

Each player now turns over the remaining (2 or 4) tickets to see where they are to travel.

Ploy starts with the youngest child and then moves clockwise. Each player looks at the map to see where they are attempting to reach and which route is the quickest. Players now take it in turns to spin the dial on the board twice. The first spin tells the player which mode of transport they can use, the second spin the number of moves. (Eg. if a player spins a boat, he/she can only make moves over water, if he/she then spins a 3 the player may make 3 (from red or grey dot to red or grey dot) moves over the sea. Planes and helicopters can move anywhere, coaches and cars may only move overland).

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The aim of the game is to travel to the different countries on your tickets (2 or 4) and then to return to your starting country. Each time a player reaches a destination he/she discards that ticket. The winner is the player who discards their "home" ticket first.

NB: More than one player may occupy a country at one time. A player must throw an exact number to land on a country, but may move forward and backward on any turn.

GAME 2 "POSTCARDS"

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FOR OLDER CHILDREN ONLY

Each player gets 5 postcards which show a landmark, costume, animal etc either peculiar to a certain country or well known in that country. The postcards have the Capital for the country printed on them (please note

that the postcards are not intended as illustrations necessarily of the Capital but of the Country. The Capital is an extra clue. In the case of the West Indies and Antarctica the group of islands and continent are named).

The aim of the game is to match the postcard to the (country) ticket.

The pile of tickets is shuffled and placed face down in a pile where all the players can reach them. Each player takes it in turn (start with the youngest and move clockwise) to pick up a ticket. If the player thinks the ticket matches one of his/her postcards (i.e. the Eiffel Tower and France) he/she keeps the ticket. If the player does not need the ticket then it is placed face up in front of the other players. If any player wants the ticket he/she can pick it up shouting "mine!". Play will still move to the next player in the same way as before.

When a player has 10 cards (5 tickets and 5 postcards) an adult should check to see if they are matched correctly. If they are, that player is the winner! If they are not correct, the incorrect ticket(s) are placed back down (face up) in front of the other players in case they need them and play resumes until a player has 10 correct cards.

The correct matches/answers are at the back of this instruction book.

GAME 3 "PAIRS" (AN ALTERNATIVE GAME TO "POSTCARDS") FOR OLDER CHILDREN ONLY

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Depending on how long the game is to last and how many children there are, up to 43 "pairs" (tickets and postcards) are spread out face down and thoroughly mixed up. Each player takes it in turn to pick up 2 cards to see if they can make a matched pair, i.e. a ticket and a postcard. If a player makes a pair he/she removes it from play. If the cards do not make a pair then they are turned back over, and left where they are. All players should be able to see the pictures during play.

To make this game easier you can separate tickets and postcards from each other and play with 2 different "spreads".

The winner is the player with the most pairs of cards at the end of the game (i.e. when all the cards have been picked up).

GAME 4 "WHERE AM I?"

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An adult picks up a postcard and describes the picture, he/she then says

"Where am 1?" Children then shout out where they think that place is (capital or country will do) and if they are correct they get that card. (Alternatively an adult may ask players in turn.)

If the player can not guess from the description, then the postcard title may be used (see Game 2 "postcards" at the back of this instruction booklet) i.e. "The Taj Mahal"... "Where am 1?" Again the children have a chance to reply. If no player can answer correctly, the adult then says what the capital is, i.e. "New Delhi"... and "Where am 1?" The children must then give the adult the name of the country. If no child gets the right answer the adult gives the answer, i.e. "India". The postcard should then be put back into the pile and re-used during the game so that the players recognise the descriptions and names through repetition.

The winner is the player with the most postcards at the end of the game.

For younger children 6/7 years 3 correct answers is a good target. For older children 7 years plus - 5 or 6 depending on how familiar they are with this game or geography. An adult should feel free to give as many clues as possible, which will make the game more fun (good examples are "We went on holiday there last year" or "We saw a programme about this country on the television last week"). It is also an added benefit to the child if the country is then pointed out on the board map, or, alternatively the child is asked to find it.

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GAME "POSTCARDS" Country and Capital information

ALASKA - Capital is Juneau - the postcard shows Polar Bears.

ANTARCTICA - Is a continent with 98% ice land cover - the postcard shows a picture of seals.

ARGENTINA - Capital is Buenos Aires - the postcard shows Gauchos.

AUSTRALIA - Capital is Canberra - the postcard shows the Sydney

Opera House.

BANGLADESH - Capital is **Dhaka** - the postcard shows rice fields and a plough.

BELGIUM - Čapital is Brussels - the postcard shows the Atomium. BRAZIL - Capital is Brasilia - the postcard shows Sugar Loaf Mountain.

CANADA - Capital is Ottawa - the postcard shows a Brown Bear.

CHILE - Capital is Santiago - the postcard shows Cape Horn.

CHINA - Capital is Beijing - the postcard shows the Great Wall.

DENMARK - The capital is **Copenhagen** - the postcard shows the Little Mermaid statue.

EGYPT - The capital is Cairo - the postcard shows the Pyramids and the Sphynx.

FRANCE - The capital is **Paris** - the postcard shows the Eiffel Tower. **GERMANY** - The capital is **Berlin** - the postcard shows the Rhine and a castle.

GHANA - The capital is Accra - the postcard shows a girl in National dress.

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GREECE - The capital is Athens - the postcard shows the Acropolis.
GREENLAND - The capital is Godthab - the postcard shows a dog sledge.

HOLLAND - The capital is Amsterdam - the postcard shows a farming orea and windmills.

ICELAND - The capital is Reykjavik - the postcard shows ice flows.
INDIA - The capital is New Delhi - the postcard shows the Taj Mahal.
INDONESIA - The capital is Jakarta - the postcard shows Legong dancers.

ISRAEL - The capital is Jerusalem - the postcard shows the fortified city

ITALY - The capital is **Rome** - the postcard shows the Tower of Pisa. JAPAN - The capital is **Tokyo** - the postcard shows the Bullet Train and Mount Fuji.

LUXEMBOURG - The capital is Luxembourg - the postcard shows a general view of the capital.

MADAGASCAR - The capital is Antananarivo - the postcard shows a Lima.

MEXICO - The capital is **Mexico** City - the postcard shows Aztec architecture.

MONGOLIA - The capital is Ulaanbaatar - the postcard shows a local horseman.

MOROCCO - The capital is Rabat - the postcard shows Moorish archways and a water seller.

NEW ZEALAND - The capital is Wellington - the postcard shows a Kiwi bird.

NIGERIA - The capital is **Abuja** - the postcard shows and African village.

PAKISTAN - The capital is Islamabad - the postcard shows a snake charmer.

PERU - Capital is Lima - the postcard shows a Peruvian Indian and a Llama.

RUSSIA - Capital is Moscow - the postcard shows St Basils Cathedral. SAUDI ARABIA - The capital is Riyadh - the postcard shows Medina and The Qoba Mosque.

SOUTH AFRICA - The capital is Pretoria - the postcard shows Table Mountain.

SPAIN - The capital is **Madrid** - the postcard shows a Flamenco dancer. **SWEDEN** - The capital is **Stockholm** - the postcard shows the Vasa race (cross country skiing).

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UNITED KINGDOM - The capital is London - the postcard shows Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - The capital is Washington - the postcard shows the Statue of Liberty.

VENEZUELA - The capital is **Caracas** - the postcard shows Caracas House, the National Congress.

WEST INDIES - Is a group of islands - the postcard shows a tropical beach.

ZAIRE - The capital is Kinshasa - the postcard shows a fishing boat in the Rainforest.