Mistakes and Ladders

Test your spelling, and have a bit of board game fun, with our Spelling Snakes and Ladders game. You can use it as a fun warm up, filler or cooler activity.

There are 200 word and picture cards (8 per A4 sheet) to test your or your students’ spelling. They cover a range of themes including People, Places, Work & Study, House & Home, Food and Drink, so you can use them all or simply choose the words/spellings you want to test. Print out the sheets and cut out the cards you want to use.

If you only have a short time, there’s a smaller version of the game board to play on. If you have more time, try the game board with more squares. We’ve provided you with a dice and counters too. Simply follow the instructions on the attached sheet to make them.

Objective

Get to the finish before your opponents, correctly spelling any question words as you progress.
How to play

Fold the question cards in half along the dotted line, so that you hide the
spelling. Only the pictures should be visible. Get your dice and counters
ready too.
The first person to roll a 6 on the dice starts. Move your counter according
to how many spots are facing up on your dice when it stops rolling. If you
roll a 3, then move forward 3 spaces on the board.

If you land on a square with a (?) on it, you must answer a question. One of
your opponents (or teacher) will show you the picture side of the card. Try
to spell the word. If you are not sure what the picture is, the person holding
the card can help you, but without telling you how to spell the word. The
person holding the card can read the word aloud to help you too.

Correct answers
If you are on a ladder question square and you get the spelling correct, you
can climb the ladder to the square at the top of the ladder. This can really
help you.
If you are on a snake question square and you get the spelling correct, you
stay where you are. You have avoided sliding down the snake!

Wrong answers
If you are on a ladder question square and you get the spelling wrong, you
stay where you are.
If you are on a snake question square and you get the spelling wrong, you
slide down the snake to the square where its tail is. Ssssorry!

Ideas
If you want to test other spellings, why not make your own picture & word
cards. Just follow the style of ours.
If you don't want to play the game, you can just look at the pictures and try
to spell the word by yourself.
Here is a dice and some counters for you to play Snakes and Ladders. Cut out the counters. You can stick them on card if you like. Cut out the dice. You can stick it on some thin card if you like. Fold along the dotted (---) line. Glue the shaded parts together to make a box.
playground
T-shirt
quarter
planet
month
minute
London
into
halft

tog

toggy

erly

environment

Easter

morning

number

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salad
tomato
market
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diary
Waterfall
River
World
Skate
Picnic
Mountain
Moon
Map
Kilometre
Follow
Far
desert
bridge
bicycle
astronaut
airport
Pirate
Shoulder
Farmer
Famous
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