

Game 11: Would You Rather...Why?

Would You Rather...Why? gives students a chance to express their preferences on a number of different topics. The teacher should remind students of the expression “Would you rather...or...?” as a polite way of posing a question of preference. Students might also benefit from discussing polite responses to the question such as “I’d rather” and “I’d prefer.”

Instructions

1. Have students (the players) sit in groups of 3–4.
2. Determine who goes first and whether the turns will progress clockwise or counter-clockwise.
3. Each player rolls the dice in turn.
4. On their turns, the players move their game pieces along the path according to the number of spaces indicated by the dice.
5. On the space where they land, the players read the choices aloud.
6. The players select one of the possibilities and then say what they would rather be or do (even if the idea may be imaginary and really impossible). The players should explain their choices.
7. The game continues until one or all players reach the ‘Finish’ space.

“Player Talk” in *Would You Rather...Why?*

Cue	“Player Talk”
...be a baker, a dentist, or an accountant?	I would rather be a baker because I really like cake. (Simple response)
...visit Ireland, Japan, or Hawaii?	Oh, that’s hard. I guess I’d rather visit Hawaii. All three are beautiful islands, but Hawaii is the best one for a vacation because it is always warm there. (Complex response)

Game Squares

START: IT'S TIME!

1. ... be a baker, a dentist, or an accountant?
2. ... visit Ireland, Japan, or Hawai'i?
3. ... learn Arabic, Spanish, or Chinese?
4. ... live in a house or an apartment?
5. ... drink coffee, tea, or juice right now?
6. ... have the perfect job or the perfect husband/wife?
7. ... **BAD LUCK! GO BACK 4 SPACES.**
8. ... ride on an elephant, a camel, or a whale?
9. ... work as a cook, a lawyer, or a librarian?
10. ... be a turtle, a dolphin, or an eagle?
11. ... visit the past or the future (if you had a time machine)?
12. ... be 1.5 meters tall or 2.5 meters tall?
13. ... have a bird, a monkey, or a cat as a pet?
14. ... **BAD LUCK! GO BACK TO START.**
15. ... ride in a helicopter, a submarine, or a rocketship?
16. ... eat pizza, vegetables, or ice cream every night?
17. ... know how to play the accordion, violin, or drums?
18. ... be able to fly or have the power to be invisible?
19. ... be really wise or really lucky?
20. ... write a book, act in a film, or just make a lot of money?

FINISH



Variations for *Would You Rather...Why?*

Variation	Directions	“Player Talk”
What Your Friend Said	The teacher can have the students play the game again. This time the player can say what another player previously said when landing on that space. If no one landed there, the player should create a new answer.	<p><i>Marina would rather be a baker because she likes cake a lot. (Simple response)</i></p> <p><i>Carlos said that he would rather be a dentist because there are many people suffering from dental problems in his town, but there are very few dentists. (Complex response)</i></p>
Do You Agree?	The teacher can have the students play the game again. This time the student should say what another player previously said when landing on that space, and then add whether or not he or she agrees.	<p><i>Ahmet said that he would rather visit Hawaii, but I would rather visit Ireland because it is close. (Simple response)</i></p> <p><i>Rania said that she would rather visit Ireland, and I agree because I have read a book about Ireland, and I want to see the places described by the author. (Complex response)</i></p>