

The Dice Book

Speaking and Writing Activities
for English Language Learners



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1.1 In my life

	hobbies		travel	
	music		education	
	family		work	

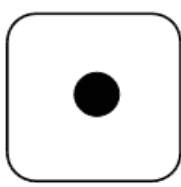





1.2 Like to/ don't like to

	travel		clean	
	hug		catch	
	ride		build	







1.3 Am I fun?

	fun		generous
	hardworking		organized
	greedy		neat







1.4 I'm the kind of person who

	eats		makes reservations
	is content to _____		follows orders
	checks the cell phone		helps others







1.5 I like (it) when

	waiters		people	
	storms		the sun	
	airlines		windows	







1.6 I'm afraid of

	germs		falling in love
	flying		hospitals
	spiders		the dark







1.7 When I was

	3		16
	7		21
	13		35

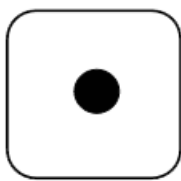





1.8 Remembering

	a violin		a pocket watch
	waves		a camel
	mint		a fallen tree







1.9 I get _____ when

	emotional		scared	
	embarrassed		quiet	
	angry		upset	

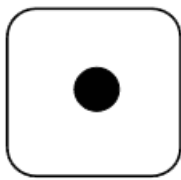





1.10 On a scale of 1-10

	husband or wife		leader
	friend		cook
	team player		son or daughter







1.11 Sounds good – or not

	spending a month on a submarine		swimming with sharks
	living by yourself on an island		jumping off a bridge into a river
	dancing alone at a party		enrolling in clown school

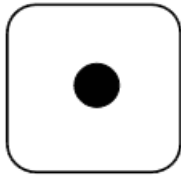




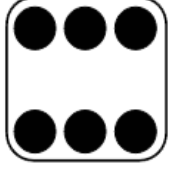
1.12 Is it good for you?

	sunbathing		dairy products
	coffee		meat
	kissing		swimming in ice water




1.13 Favorites

	subject in school		animal
	cuisine		holiday
	musical instrument		month

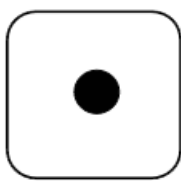





1.14 Do you believe in _____?

	space aliens		magic
	true love		miracles
	ghosts		climate change













1.15 Do you think that _____ ?

	<p>you could fall in love with someone you met online</p>	<p>people have free will</p>
	<p>life exists elsewhere in the universe</p>	<p>life in your country is getting better or worse</p>
	<p>some people can read minds</p>	<p>power corrupts</p>

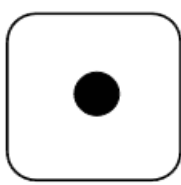





2.1 Without _____

	love		smart phones
	cars		insurance
	government		cameras

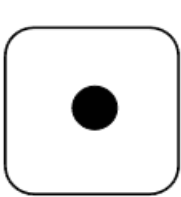





2.2 Choose

		watermelon	travel
		money	elevators
		candles	hamburgers
		cell phones	windows
		TV	blankets
		books	birthday parties

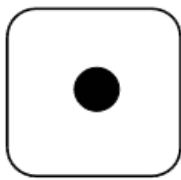





2.3 Good and bad

	money		leaders	
	TV		plastic	
	borders		chocolate	













2.4 (Happiness) is

	happiness		love
	sadness		childhood
	pleasure		fun


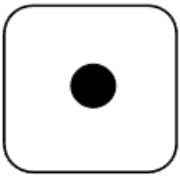

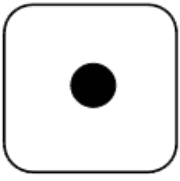










2.5 Love is like

	a hospital		money
	a snake		a forest
	rain		the moon


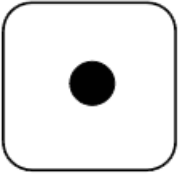
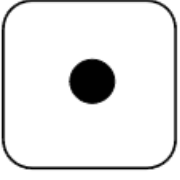
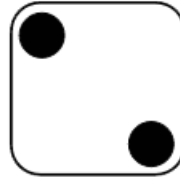
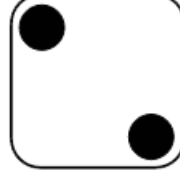
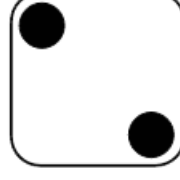
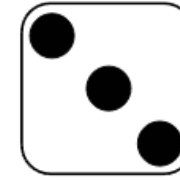


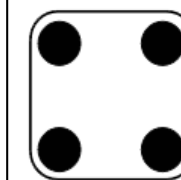
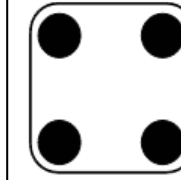
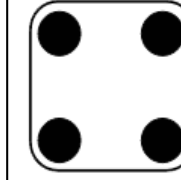
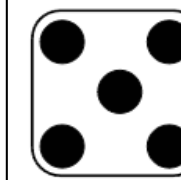
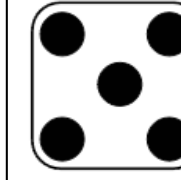
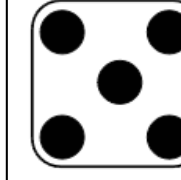
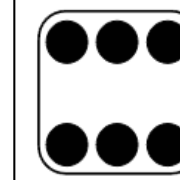
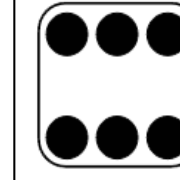
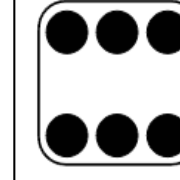
2.6 Simile generator

	Abstract		Specific
	power		a wheel
	time		a family
	old age		a donkey
	health		the sky
	beauty		a pizza
	the future		a feather

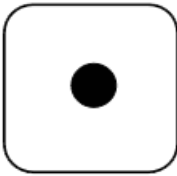

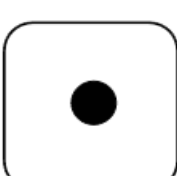
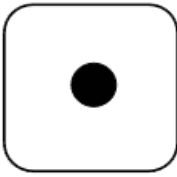


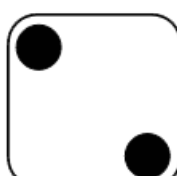



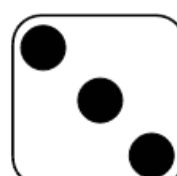




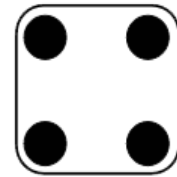




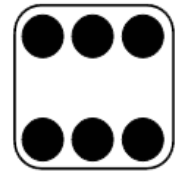
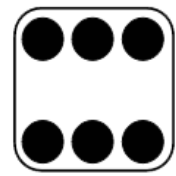
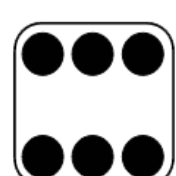
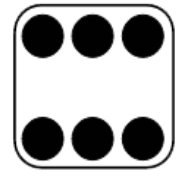
2.7 Which one doesn't fit?

				chairs	
		war	war	soccer	
		lemons	lemons	movie stars	
		rock and roll	bacon	languages	
		wheels	cheese	pancakes	
		buildings	swimming pools	roses	







2.8 Which country doesn't fit?

	Japan		Argentina		France
	Great Britain		USA		Brazil
	Egypt		Ireland		China
	Canada		Nigeria		Jordan
	Indonesia		Australia		Jamaica
	Mexico		Russia		India











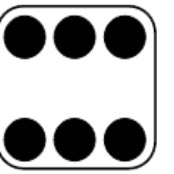

2.9 Which creature doesn't fit?

	goat		tarantula		ant		crab
	salmon		horse		sea horse		jackal
	reindeer		parrot		rat		tiger
	monkey		camel		lion		weasel
	elephant		goose		pig		donkey
	cheetah		narwhal		seagull		cobra







2.10 *He who* proverbs

	owns a dragon		complains loudest
	finds treasure		hates his work
	tells lies		pats a porcupine













2.11 Don't Proverbs

	take		knife
	laugh at		castle
	keep		lion
	listen to		thief
	let		secret
	show		sky

2.12 Make up a meaning

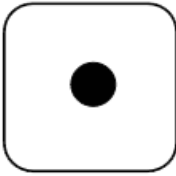

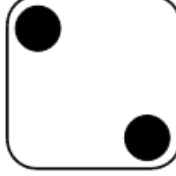



	jonkle		plomily
	topsilation		resnackonous
	stillogical		exfunct

2.13 Fairy tale first lines

	character		verb
	goat		fell in love
	boy named Javvy		stole
	cloud		sneaked into
	king		lived
	witch		got lost
	Choose any!		grew







3.1 Least favorite *simple*

present

	weather		insect	
	hot dish		dessert	
	animal		kind of car	







3.2 Almost every day

present simple - repeated actions

 go		 eat	
 clean		 wear	
 play		 hear	

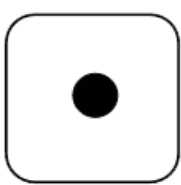





3.3 How often?

present simple - frequency







	every day		all the time
	every couple of hours		often
	once a year		about 5 times a day

3.4 What do people do _____?






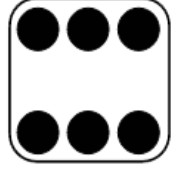
present simple

	at a party		at a fair
	in Egypt		in a kitchen
	in a haunted house		in a submarine







3.5 Good cop, bad cop present simple - third-person singular

	cop			phone app	
	lawyer			friend	
	son			English lessons	

3.6 Everybody loves his/her family *third-person singular*







	loves		hates	
	believes		thinks	
	wants		promises	

3.7 Everyone (and the singular they) *singular they*

	begins		hides
	is afraid (of)		dreams of
	is born		prefers







3.8 Yes I am, no I'm not

present continuous

	sitting		holding anything	
	wearing socks		feeling sad	
	breathing		getting bored	







3.9 While/When I'm

present continuous







	listening to music		exercising
	driving		doing homework
	walking		sleeping

3.10 Someone somewhere is

present continuous







	phone		grapefruit	
	candle		store	
	clock		internet	

3.11 _____ is probably *present continuous*

	the US president		my sister
	Ronaldo		the Queen of England
	my mother		my best friend







3.12 I haven't done that for

present perfect

	got a haircut		gone to a wedding
	drunk coffee		felt really bored
	vacuumed my room		gone to a nightclub







3.13 I haven't done that since

present perfect

	ridden a bike		skipped breakfast
	gone bowling		voted
	been in a hospital		slept in a car







3.14 The things I have done

present perfect

	slept		traveled to
	eaten		been awarded
	been to		fired a gun







3.15 I have never

present perfect

	swum			broken	
	bought			fallen in love with	
	spent the night			taken	







4.1 Yesterday

past simple

	watched		read	
	ate		drank	
	went		felt	






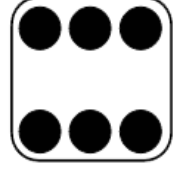
4.2 There was

past simple

	5 years ago		100 years ago
	25 years ago		200 years ago
	50 years ago		500 years ago






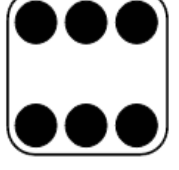
4.3 What were you doing?

past continuous

	last night at midnight		at 7:30 this morning
	2 years ago		at this time yesterday
	an hour ago		at 11:55 p.m., New Year's Eve







4.4 At the age of

past simple and continuous

 3		 21	
 9		 16	
 13		 39	



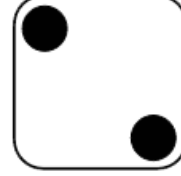



4.5 Once I

past simple

	got lost		broke	
	slept		fell in love with	
	found		forgot	







4.6 The last time I

past simple







	cooked dinner		found money on the street
	ate sushi		helped a stranger
	wrote a love letter		was scared

4.7 I used to







past habitual

	think		get scared	
	pretend		play	
	want		have	

4.8 I used to be more / less *past condition/state*







	fun		hardworking
	patient		confident
	energetic		handsome

4.9 When I was young I would *repeated actions in the past*

	walk to		go to church
	carry		talk
	go camping		study







4.10 My life was different

past perfect

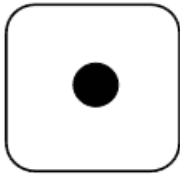





	2 years ago		6 months ago
	5 years ago		1 year ago
	20 years ago		10 years ago

4.11 By the time I

past perfect







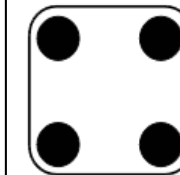
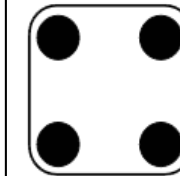
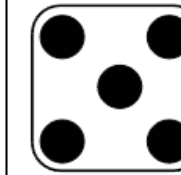
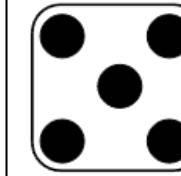
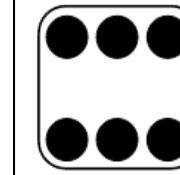
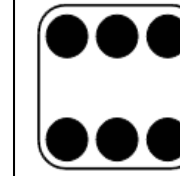
	learned		met
	discovered		decided
	lived		written

5.1 In two years, I will probably *future simple*

 be		 own	
 live		 work	
 have		 want	







5.2 In five years, I'll probably

future simple







	40 years		know
	10 years		prefer
	5 years		wonder
	1 year		be
	6 months		weigh
	3 months		believe

5.3 Twenty years from now







future simple

	water		classrooms
	computers		phones
	marriage		China

5.4 I hope I will, I doubt I will, I might I might future simple







	own a business		wear pink shoes
	see a ghost		have great grandchildren
	live in a different country		swim in all oceans

5.5 When is the next time you'll go _____? *future simple*

	sightseeing		on a picnic
	swimming		to a library
	shopping		to a party






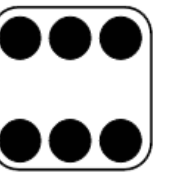
5.6 Tomorrow at 5:00

future continuous

	eating		running	
	sitting		listening	
	going		building	







5.7 What will you be doing?

future continuous

	at this time tomorrow		at noon on Saturday
	in 12 hours		in 18 minutes
	1 month from now		at midnight tonight







5.8 When I

present tense in future time clause






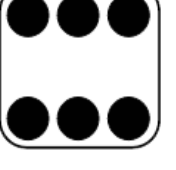
	am really old		wake up tomorrow
	retire		am 88 years old
	get married		find true love

5.9 If consequences

predictive conditional

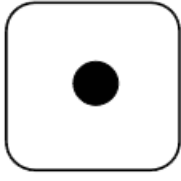

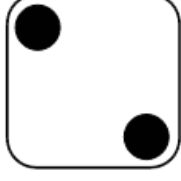



	tell lies		spend a lot
	drive fast		listen to advice
	save your money		act without thinking

5.10 Am I going to _____? phrasal modal (be going to) future

	get a job		get married
	eat ice cream		go to the beach
	have a party		help someone







5.11 I'm gonna

phrasal modal (be going to) future

	go shopping		go to church,
	take a walk		go home soon
	drink tea		use the internet







5.12 Hopes realized

future perfect

	finished		begun	
	made		changed	
	done		found	







5.13 By 2052

future perfect







	oceans			money	
	wars			doctors	
	languages			trees	

6.1 If I find a spider

factual conditional







	find a spider		dance
	am in love		feel good
	see a policeman		get a headache

6.2 If we _____, we will _____ future conditional







	go to college		feel stressed
	drink coffee		love
	don't exercise		have lots of friends

6.3 If I were this creature


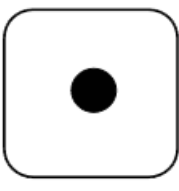










unreal conditional

	horse			penguin	
	mouse			cobra	
	dinosaur			mole	

6.4 If I were _____: one roll *unreal conditional*

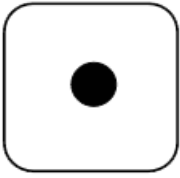





	a ball		a candle
	the summer		a window
	the moon		a tree

6.5 If I were _____: two rolls *imaginative conditional*

	a bee		eat
	a sea monster		drink
	a flower		wonder
	a dictator		think
	a policeman		spend my time
	a superhero		hesitate to

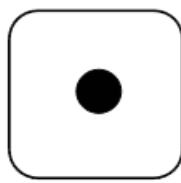





6.6 If I visited

imaginative conditional

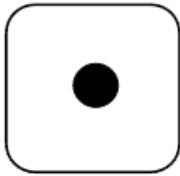





	France			California	
	Mars			Canada	
	Africa			the past	

6.7 If I could fly

unreal conditional







	fly			talk to animals
	be invisible			breathe underwater
	read people's minds			walk through walls

6.8 If I had lived _____ *unreal past conditional*







	in ancient Rome		with the cavemen
	in dinosaur times		in ancient China
	among the Vikings		with the Aztecs

6.9 I wish I

wishes







	had			didn't	
	were			could	
	were better at			didn't need to	

6.10 What do you wish was different about ___? *wishes*

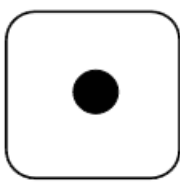





	your life		the world
	your work		your personality
	your eyes		the weather

6.11 Do you wish you had ___ ?







wishes

	more confidence		more time for work
	a better education		more time for friends
	more friends		more time for family

6.12 I'd like to learn to semi-modal "would like to"







	surf		speak
	identify birds		fix cars
	write poems		ride a motorcycle

6.13 Jobs I would or wouldn't want *semi-modal*

	housecleaner		accountant
	undercover policeman		physical therapist
	tour guide		king or queen







6.14 One question I would ask

unreal conditional







	the leader of my country		Bill Gates
	Shakespeare		Little Red Riding Hood
	a vampire		an alien

6.15 I would rather be







semi-modal

	a teacher or a lawyer		a fish or a bird
	a cat or a dog		ice cream or a wedding cake
	money or happiness		a painting or a song







7.1 Something in

	my fridge		a spy novel
	a kitchen		a cemetery
	a cave		an alien spaceship







7.2 Something at

	a rock concert		a university
	a market		a dance
	a wedding		the dentist's







7.3 Something on

	a farm		Mount Everest
	a mountain		a pizza
	a cruise ship		Mars

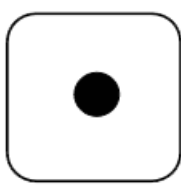





7.4 Something with

	fur		feathers
	strings		seats
	a battery		pages







7.5 Something that has no

	hair		eyes	
	ceiling		end	
	beginning		back	







7.6 Something made of

	wood		paper
	steel		stone
	grass		glass







7.7 Compound words

	book		fly	
	tooth		out	
	back		rain	

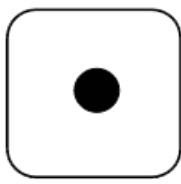





7.8 Adjectives and things

	yellow		portable
	fragile		solid
	cute		foldable

7.9 Adjectives and people







	brilliant		charming
	generous		forgetful
	talented		funny

7.10 The _____est person I know *superlative form*

	nicest		bravest
	tallest		messiest
	happiest		neatest

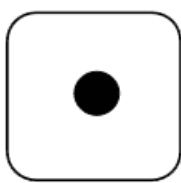





7.11 Who does that?

verbs in present

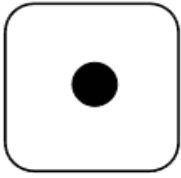





	argues		robs
	shoots		takes photos
	cries		jumps

7.12 Something that _____

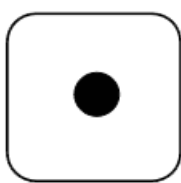





intransitive verbs

	sings		burns
	breaks easily		has blue in it
	falls		goes in circles







7.13 You can _____ (a) _____ *transitive verbs*

	break		take
	change		drive
	do		build







7.14 A thing that can be _____ *passive voice*

	stolen		born
	chilled		guarded
	ground		folded






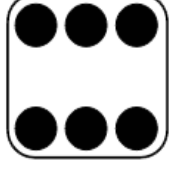
7.15 Something you can _____ verb + preposition

	pay for		argue about
	escape from		wait for
	insist on		listen to

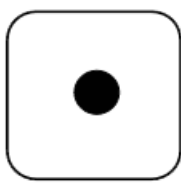





8.1 Nouns that start with

	c		h
	b		f
	y		t







8.2 Words that end where they began

 e		 y	
 t		 n	
 b		 s	

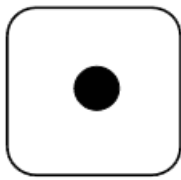

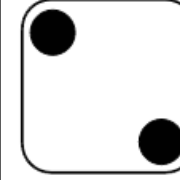

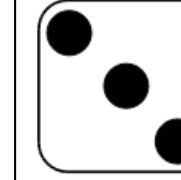
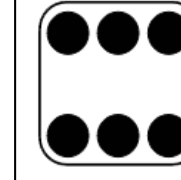
8.3 Words that end somewhere else

	v-y		p-y
	t-t		d-e
	l-g		a-e

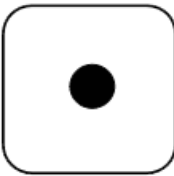





8.4 Words with a vowel in the middle

 o		 e	
 i		 u	
 a		 any vowel	

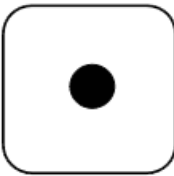





8.5 Words with a vowel digraph in the middle

	ea		ai	
	ee		au	
	ie		oa	

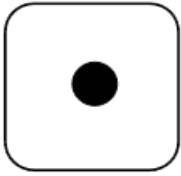





8.6 Words with doubled consonants

	ff		rr	
	mm		tt	
	dd		ss	







8.7 Consonant digraphs

	ch		wh	
	ph		ng	
	ck		sh	







8.8 Three-Letter Consonant Clusters

	nth		str	
	spl		spr	
	thr		squ	


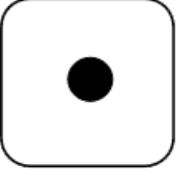
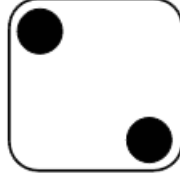
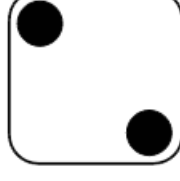
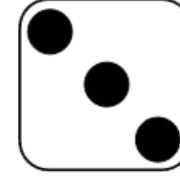
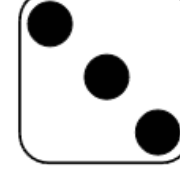
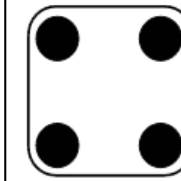
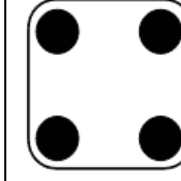
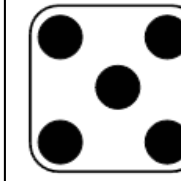

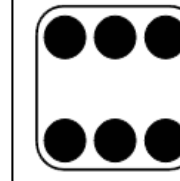
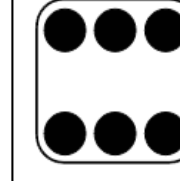
8.9 Prefixes

 re-		 bi-	
 un-		 co-	
 dis-		 ex-	

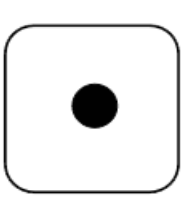





8.10 Suffixes

	-er			-able	
	-y			-ful	
	-ment			-ize	

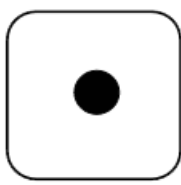





8.11 Words and syllables

	A		1
	M		2
	S		2
	L		3
	T		3
	G		4 or more







8.12 Rhyme it

	fish		thought
	break		chair
	read		sea







8.13 Words inside words

	everything		teacher	
	mountain		capitol	
	patient		wonderful	

8.14 Alliterative sentences

		r	
		g	
		t	

The Frequency Frame

	always		sometimes
	often		hardly ever
	usually		never