# THE LIGHTER SIDE

## **Two Activate Games Puzzles**

### **P**UZZLE A. Two friends played an Activate game. Below is their conversation as they prepared to play and began the game—but the conversation is out of order. Can you number the statements and questions in the order the friends spoke them? The first one is done for you.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sure! I love Activate games. Let's play "What Do You Know about the USA?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thanks! Now it's your turn again.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Before we start, we both need game pieces. I'll use this paper clip.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, sure. Washington, D.C., is definitely a tourist destination. Good answer!
- <u>1</u> Want to play an Activate game?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ah! I rolled a 3. I landed on "A sport." I'll say, "Baseball is a popular sport in the USA."
- \_\_\_\_\_ And I'll use a coin. Let's start. You can go first.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Great! My turn now. I rolled a 4. 1-2-3-4. I landed on "A tourist destination." Hmm. How about Washington, D.C.? People go there to see the White House and museums and lots of other places.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I rolled another 3. Today, 3 is my lucky number! Hey, this is fun!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good choice! That sounds like a great game. Here's the game board.

**PUZZLE B.** Four friends played Activate games in their EFL class. Each friend was in a different group and played a different game. Use the information and the clues below to match each friend with the game they played, the game piece they used, and the number of people in their group.

#### Information

- The friends are Jay, Kay, Elle, and Em.
- The games are "Creatures of Earth," "The Comparing Things Game," "Classroom Break," and "What Do You Know about the USA?"
- Two friends used stones as game pieces, and two used peanuts. (The peanuts were in their shells.)
- Three groups had three people, and one group had four people.

#### Clues

- 1. The two people who used peanuts had the same number of players in their groups.
- 2. The person who played "Creatures of Earth" used a peanut.
- 3. Elle and Em had the same number of players in their groups but used different game pieces.
- 4. Jay did not play "Creatures of Earth" and did not play in a group of four.
- 5. The person in the group with four players did not play "Classroom Break" or "Creatures of Earth."
- 6. Both Kay and the person who played "The Comparing Things Game" used stones.
- 7. Jay and Em used the same kind of game piece.

| Friend | Activate Game | Game Piece | Size of Group |
|--------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Jay    |               |            |               |
| Кау    |               |            |               |
| Elle   |               |            |               |
| Em     |               |            |               |

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**B**UZZLE **B** 

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| 3             | hnnead            | "Creatures of Earth"               | μ∃           |

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