



The Game of Summer, Step 1

In this exploration, you will design your own board game based on summer activities!

First, consider everything you like about summer as well as any plans you have. Your game could focus on one event or you could incorporate all that you plan to do or wish you could do this summer. You decide!

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- A board game where each player tries to advance along the board while completing summer activities. The first one to the end or first one to complete them all wins.
- A board game based on summer fun spots in your neighborhood. Players move through or capture locations like swimming pools, soccer fields, community centers, and ice cream stores.
- A board game focused on your favorite summer activity or sport, like playing basketball or visiting amusement parks.

Which summer activity or activities will your game focus on?





The Game of Summer, Step 2

Now that you have decided what your game will be about, here are some questions to answer before designing it.

1. What is the goal of your game? Will the players try to capture territory, collect objects, get to the finish line first, or something else?

2. What will you use for game pieces?

3. How will players know where to go on the board? Will they roll a die? Draw a card?

4. How many players can play your game?

5. What are the most important rules of your game?

6. What will your game board look like? Use the space on the next page to draw it.



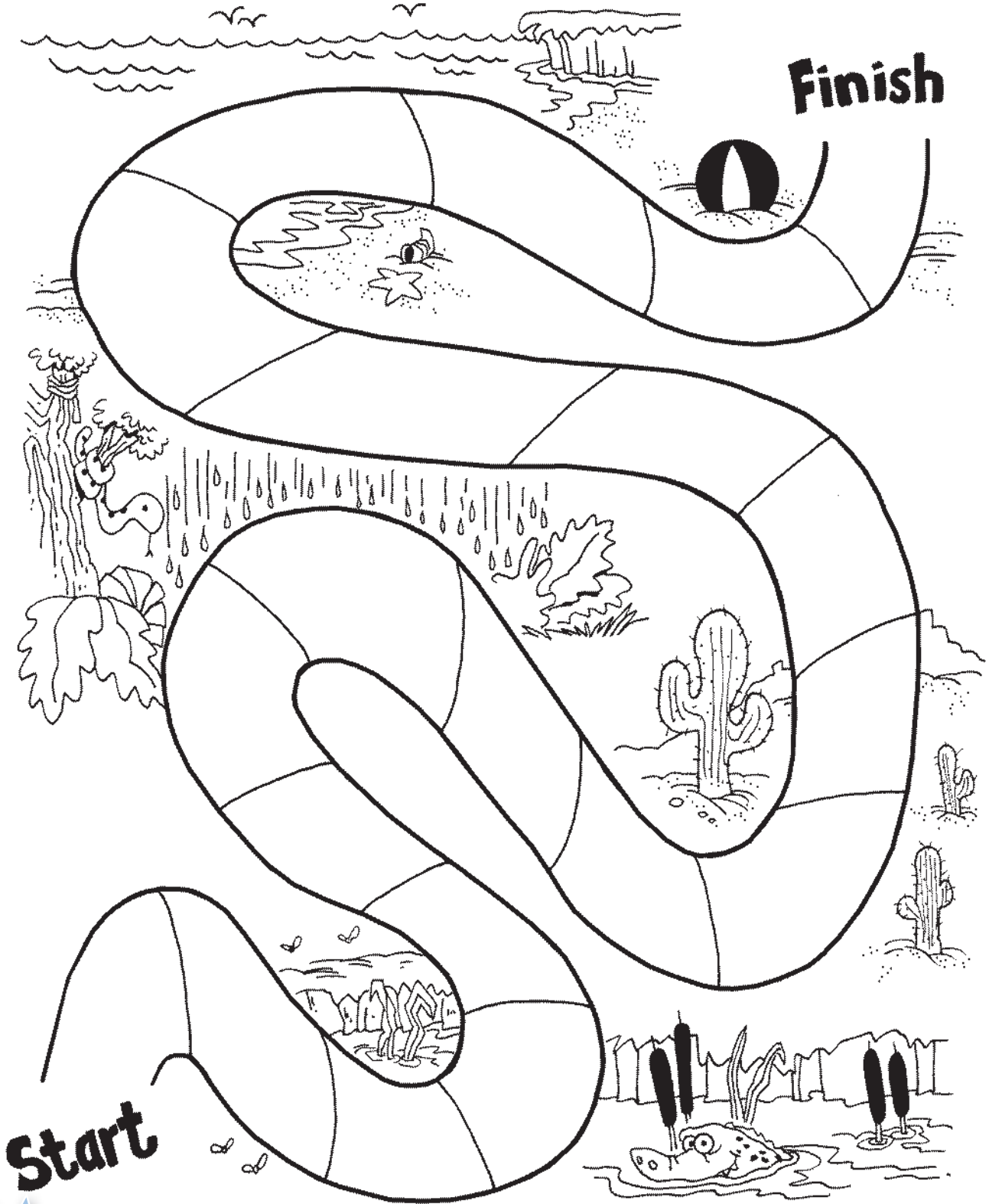
Design Your Game Board

Here is a space to draw your game board. Look at the next page for an example of a simple game board.

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a light blue border, intended for drawing a game board.



Game Board Example





The Game of Summer, Final Step

Now it's time to make your board game!

What you'll need:

- markers, colored pencils, or crayons
- construction paper
- poster board (for cards)
- cardboard
- scissors
- glue
- dice
- an old board game (you could re-use the board and tokens for your own game)

What you'll do:

1. Play a practice game with your game board drawing. Use pieces of paper for game pieces. Playing a practice game will help you figure out the details of your game before you invite friends and family to play it.
2. Write down the final version of the rules.
3. Make the final version of your game board.
4. Make the pieces for your game.
5. Invite your family and friends to play. Have fun!

