

**“SHOOTS AND LADDERS”
MAIN IDEA GAME**

**ALIGNED TO
COMMON CORE**



Shoots and Ladders -Main Idea Directions

Preparation

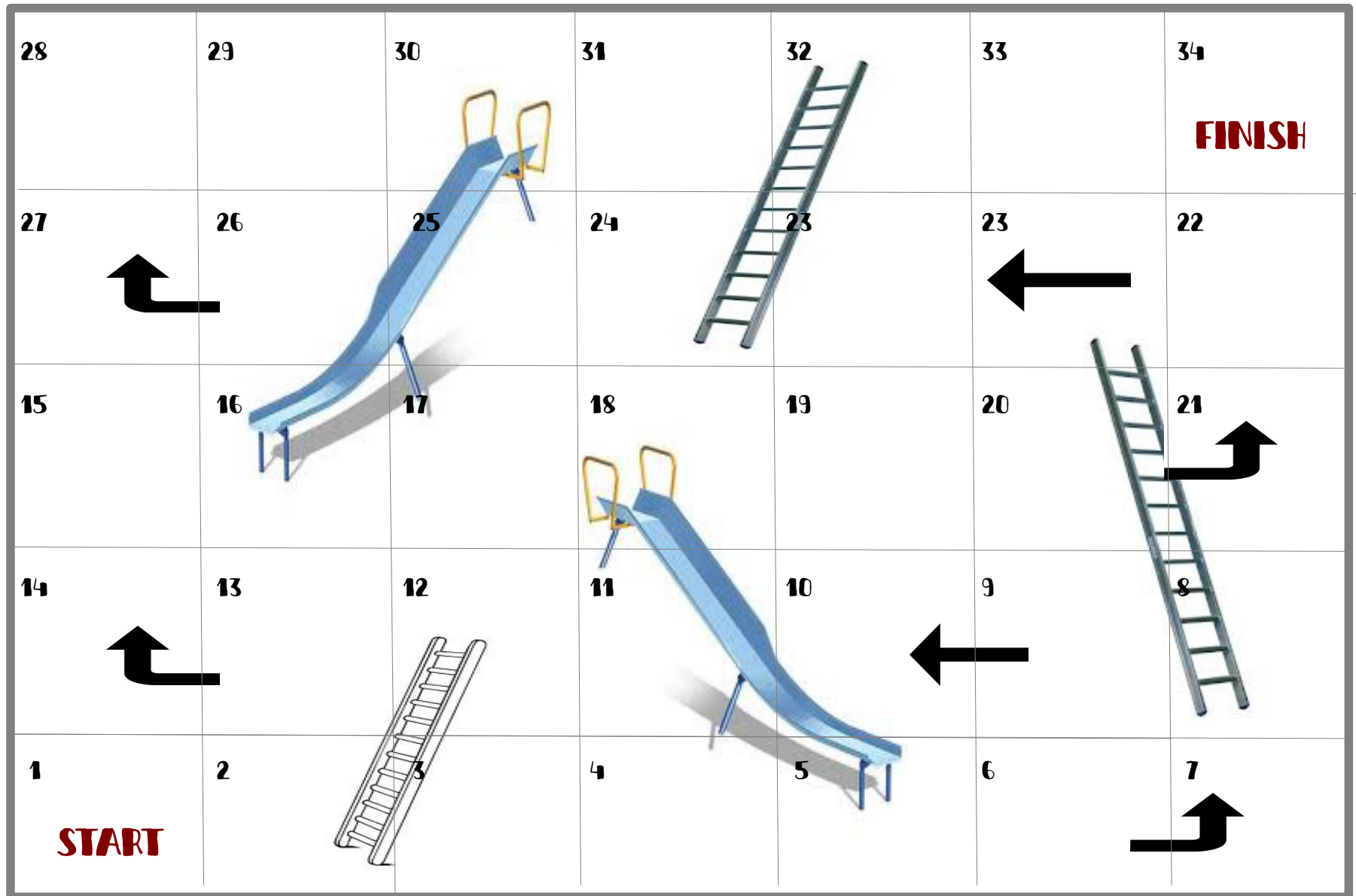
Before students play, the teacher will need to print, laminate and cut game board and cards apart for students to use. Students will only need a die, game pieces to move around the board, the game board, and cards.

Directions

Students can play in groups from 2-6 players.

1. Students will place their game piece at the start and determine who goes first.
2. First student will role the dice and move the appropriate spaces.
3. If the student lands on a blank space they will draw a main idea card and answer the question.
4. If they are correct, they will stay on their space, if they answer incorrectly they move back to the original space.
5. The next student will then role and complete steps 2-4.
6. If students role and land on a ladder they will move their game piece up the ladder.
7. If students role and land on a slide, they will slide down to a lower level of the game board.
8. Player who reaches the finish first is the winner of the game.

SHOOTS AND LADDERS



1

I have a dog named Jack. He does so many tricks. He can shake and bark on command. When I tell him to roll, he rolls over on his back. He really is an amazing dog!

What is the main idea?

- A. Jack is very smart.**
- B. Jack is my dog.**
- C. Most dogs can't roll over.**

2

Yesterday it snowed all day. We didn't even go to school because of the large amounts of snow. My brother and I made a snow fort then we had a snowball fight. I love the snow!

What is the main idea?

- A. Snow is boring.**
- B. Snow days are fun!**
- C. We never have school when it snows.**

3

Today is my birthday! I made cupcakes to take to my friends at school. When I made it home from school I opened my gifts from my family and mom made me a cake.

What is the main idea?

- A. Birthday celebrations.**
- B. No one was thoughtful of her birthday.**
- C. She brought treats to her friends.**

4

Sam's parents just purchased a new pool for the backyard. He can not wait to invite his friends over for a swim. His mom calls him a fish because he is always wanting to swim.

What is the main idea?

- A. Sam hates to swim.**
- B. Sam invites friends over to his house.**
- C. Sam loves to swim.**

5

Angela just finished babysitting her niece. She wanted to babysit to earn money for a new necklace. The necklace is gold with a red stone in the middle. She can't wait to buy it!

What is the main idea?

- A. Angela loves babysitting.**
- B. Angela is saving money to buy a necklace.**
- C. Angela does not like jewelry.**

6

It is Father's Day, so Devin and Jacie want to buy their dad a nice present. They finally decide to get him a new tackle box for fishing. When he opened his gift he smiled.

What is the main idea?

- A. They didn't know what to buy.**
- B. Their dad didn't like the gift.**
- C. Devin and Jacie bought their dad a gift.**

7

Timothy held the ball in his hands, they were down by 2 points with 53 seconds left in the game. He faked a pass to his teammate then drove to the basket to tie the game.

What is the main idea?

- A. Timothy is good at basketball.**
- B. Timothy is terrible at basketball.**
- C. The game was now tied.**

8

The Pacific Ocean is on the east coast of the United States. It is the largest ocean on the planet. It is home to many animals and people enjoy using the ocean for recreation.

What is the main idea?

- A. The Pacific Ocean is on the east coast.**
- B. Many animals live in the Pacific Ocean.**
- C. The Pacific Ocean.**

9

The lizard sat on a rock. His brown color made him hard to see. As soon as a fly buzzed by he lunged and caught the fly with his tongue.

What is the main idea?

- A. The lizard on the rock.**
- B. Lizards eat flies.**
- C. Lizards like to sit in the sun.**

10

Jake and Sam love to go to the lake during the summer. Their family has a boat and they enjoy tubing and water skiing. They go every weekend with their family.

What is the main idea?

- A. The family has a boat.**
- B. The lake is boring.**
- C. Jake and Sam love the lake.**

11

Megan and her mom are going to the store. They can't decide what to eat for dinner so they wander around the store looking for ideas. Finally, they decide to make hamburgers.

What is the main idea?

- A. They can't decide what to eat.**
- B. Megan and her mom at the grocery store.**
- C. They decide to make hamburgers.**

12

Denise waits at her front door for the delivery truck to bring her new shoes. She cannot wait to see her new sparkly shoes so she can wear them to school.

What is the main idea?

- A. Her new shoes are sparkly.**
- B. Denise's new shoes.**
- C. The delivery truck is late.**

13

Sammy was a large black and white cat. He lived out in the barn. There were many mice for him to chase and he always had a warm place to sleep.

What is the main idea?

- A. Sammy the cat.**
- B. Sammy likes to chase mice.**
- C. Sammy wants to be inside.**

14

Barney and his friends are going to the circus. They can not wait to see the elephants and the flying acrobats. Maybe they will even have cotton candy as a snack.

What is the main idea?

- A. Barney's trip to the circus.**
- B. Elephants are big.**
- C. Cotton candy is delicious.**

15

The planet Mercury is the first planet from the sun. It is extremely hot and orbits the sun every 88 days.

What is the main idea?

- A. Mercury is the first planet from the sun.**
- B. Mercury is hot.**
- C. The planet Mercury.**

16

Dolphins are beautiful and friendly animals that live in the ocean. They are friendly creatures and love to perform tricks.

What is the main idea?

- A. Dolphins are friendly and kind animals.**
- B. Dolphins are mean.**
- C. Dolphins can perform tricks.**

17

Camping is Maiya's favorite activity in the summer. She especially likes when her family makes smores on the fire and sings songs. She thinks it's fun to play in the woods.

What is the main idea?

- A. Her family makes smores.
- B. Maiya enjoys camping.
- C. Her friends make camping special.

18

The sun is actually a large star. It is the center of our universe. The sun is extremely far away, yet light from the sun reaches Earth in 8 minutes!

What is the main idea?

- A. The sun is a star.
- B. The sun is a planet.
- C. Light reaches Earth in 8 minutes.

19

Todd likes to go hiking with his dad. They collect rocks and look for animals on the trail. One day, they saw a black bear and decided to turn around and go the other way.

What is the main idea?

- A. Todd and his dad like to hike in the wild.
- B. They saw a black bear.
- C. Todd likes to fish.

20

Mike works hard on his computer to create apps for his friends. They play each other when he finishes making them. His friends waste no time learning the new game.

What is the main idea?

- A. They play each other on the computer.
- B. Mike's friends like the apps.
- C. Mike is good on the computer.

21

Melissa is a nurse and helps people who are sick. She works hard to make sure her patients get the right medicine so they can get better.

What is the main idea?

- A. Melissa helps people.**
- B. She gives them medicine.**
- C. Melissa dislikes her job.**

22

Charlie hears the crack on the bat. As the baseball flies through the air, he runs to get under the baseball to make the out. Then he throws the ball back to the infielder.

What is the main idea?

- A. Charlie is working on his homework.**
- B. Charlie is playing football.**
- C. Charlie is playing baseball.**

23

The fairground was busy with kids running around. They were playing games, riding rides, and having a great time. The kids were so loud you could hear them from a mile away.

What is the main idea?

- A. The kids were screaming in fear.**
- B. The fair was busy with kids.**
- C. The animals were loud.**

24

Sally loved her cat Cali. She passed away last week. She misses her blue eyes and purr. Most of all, Sally will miss the walks they took and playing with her toys.

What is the main idea?

- A. Sally will miss her purr.**
- B. Sally wants a new cat.**
- C. Sally will miss Cali.**

25

Nikki has been cooking all day to make a beautiful Thanksgiving meal for her family. They are coming over in an hour and she is so excited to spend quality time with them.

What is the main idea?

- A. Nikki is excited about Thanksgiving.**
- B. Nikki loves to cook.**
- C. Thanksgiving is a holiday in November.**

26

Brian is good with animals. He works at an animal hospital to help animals that are injured. He gives them baths, changes bandages and gives them attention.

What is the main idea?

- A. He gives them baths.**
- B. Brian is good with animals.**
- C. He changes bandages.**

27

Tomorrow is a big day, Seth has a big science test about plants. He is nervous and is having a hard time falling asleep. Hopefully he studied enough to get a good grade.

What is the main idea?

- A. Seth is excited about school.**
- B. Seth doesn't want to go to school.**
- C. Seth is nervous about his test.**

28

Steve is a good runner. He is training for a race in a month. He has a schedule and works hard every day to reach his goals.

What is the main idea?

- A. Steve works hard to reach his goals.**
- B. Steve doesn't enjoy running.**
- C. Steve likes to ride bikes.**

29

The polar bear can be found in the Arctic. They are massive animals that feed on seals. Male polar bears can grow to 10 feet tall and weigh over 1400 pounds.

What is the main idea?

- A. Polar bears eat fish.**
- B. Polar bears live in the Arctic.**
- C. Polar bears are light weight animals.**

30

Alligators live in the southeast region of the United States. They live an average of 35 to 50 years in the wild. They feed mainly on fish, turtles, snakes and small mammals.

What is the main idea?

- A. Alligators in the wild.**
- B. Alligators eat turtles.**
- C. Crocodiles in the wild.**

31

Mars is the fourth planet from the sun. It is called the red planet because of the rust in the soil. If you were driving 60 mph in a car, it would take 271 years to get there from Earth.

What is the main idea?

- A. Mars is a warm planet.**
- B. Mars is called the red planet.**
- C. Mars is the fourth planet.**

32

Marcus is watching his favorite cartoon. He loves how his superhero flies through the air and leaps to fight the villains.

What is the main idea?

- A. Marcus likes watching his cartoon.**
- B. Super heros are real.**
- C. Marcus doesn't like watching TV.**

Student Answer Sheet

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Answer Key

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8	C. The Pacific Ocean.	20	C. Mike is good on the computer.
9	A. The lizard on the rock.	21	A. Melissa helps people.
10	C. Jake and Sam love the lake.	22	C. Charlie is playing baseball.
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