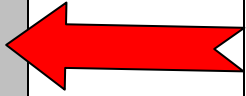
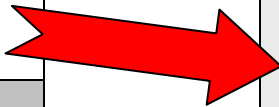


**Excuses Excuses
Past Simple Board Game**

Sorry I'm late.		Sorry I'm late.	Excuses Excuses Past Simple Board Game			
		Move Ahead 4 Spaces	Sorry I'm late.	Miss a Turn	Sorry I'm late.	
Go Back 2 Spaces					Sorry I'm late.	
Sorry I'm late.	Miss a Turn	Sorry I'm late	Oh No, Go Back Two Spaces			
Sorry I'm late.	Sorry I'm late			Go Back		
	Sorry I'm late	Sorry I'm late.				
	Arrive at class		Go Back 2 Spaces			
Oh, No, Go Back to Start	<u>Excuse Cards</u>					
Sorry I'm late.					Sorry I'm late.	
Sorry I'm late.	Miss a Turn	Sorry I'm late.		Go Back 2 Spaces	Start ↑	

Excuses Cards



You miss the bus.	You wake up at 9 a.m.	Your car is stolen.	You are stuck in a traffic jam.
You stop for a coffee.	Your alarm clock doesn't go off.	You are sick.	You go the wrong way to class.
You lose your keys.	You have a doctor's appointment.	You have a headache.	Your street is flooded.
You decide to go shopping.	You fall asleep in the shower.	You forget your homework.	You get stopped by the police.
You forget the way to class.	You think today is Sunday.	You have a flat tire.	You are held hostage by terrorists.
You lose your bag.	You oversleep.	You win the lottery.	You have a hangover.
You are kidnapped by aliens.	You break your leg.	You want to be fashionably late.	You walk very slowly to class.



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Excuses Excuses - Board Game

Here is an amusing speaking game for pre-intermediate students to practice the past simple tense.

Before class, make one copy of the board and cards for each group of 4 students.

Procedure

Explain to the class that they are going to play a board game about making excuses for arriving to class late.

Divide students into groups of four and give each group a copy of the board game and a set of cards. Ask the students to place the cards face down on the board.

Students place their counters on the start square and then take it in turns to throw the die, moving the corresponding number of places along the board.

When a student lands on a square marked Sorry I'm late, the student picks up an excuse card and changes the sentence into its past tense form to make an excuse for being late, e.g. Sorry I'm late. I missed the bus.

If the sentence is formed correctly, the student stays on the square. If it is incorrect, the student must move back to their previous square.

The excuse card is then placed at the bottom of the pile and the game continues with the next student.

The game continues until most or all students have arrived at the class.