



# ENGLISH

## Chapter 23 Session A

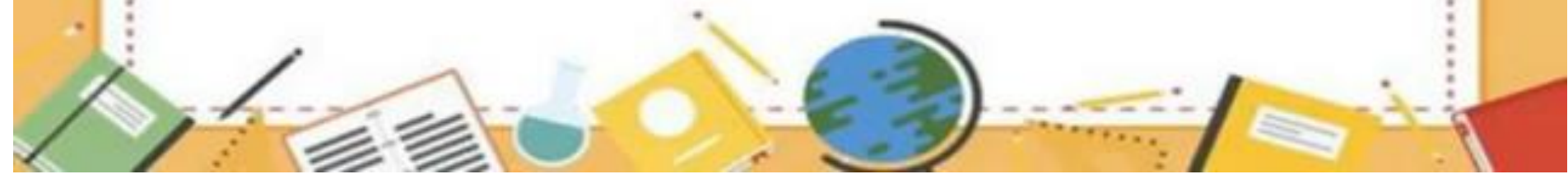
**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
SECONDARY

**FUN AND GAMES**  
**Simple Present & Present Perfect**

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 **SACO OLIVEROS**





## SPEAKING

### A Chess Competition

**79** Rose and Adam are talking about a chess competition at school. Listen and complete the dialogue.



Look, Adam! There is going to be a chess competition at school next month. a Do you  
b want to take part?

I don't know. I c don't think  
I'm prepared for it.

How come? You are the best  
player at school!

Not really... and I d need  
to practice to train my mind for  
different moves.

So, time to start! What e are you doing  
right now? Just moaning ...



## SPEAKING

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I'm in, but remember, I f know  
some rules but I g don't practice as  
much as you do.

Well, I need a partner ...

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Like you said, 'time to start!' But  
as long as you h don't talk a  
lot while you play ...

Ok, I'll have a try; after all, like all other  
games, it i has to be fun!

I can teach you some nice  
moves, too. No worries!



## FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

### Talking about Interests

Do you want to take part?

I don't know. I don't think I'm prepared for ...

I'll have a try.

## Speaking Task

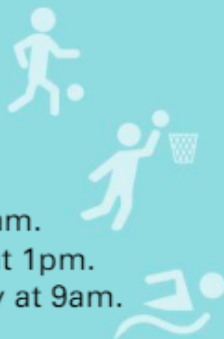
Write a dialogue between you and a school friend who are planning to take part in a school competition.

### Step 1

**First, decide which competition you and (or) your friend want to take part in**

#### WHAT'S ON

- Chess competition:  
Saturday at 4pm.
- Sports:  
Soccer – Sunday at 9am.  
Basketball – Sunday at 1pm.  
Swimming – Saturday at 9am.



## Step 2

**Think about what you and your friend want to say**

*What do you think about ...?*

*Do you want to take part ...?*

*How about joining ...?*

**Think about possible answers**

*I don't know. I don't think I'm prepared ...*

*Ok, I'll have a try.*

*Great idea!*

*Let's go!*

### Step 3

Write the dialogue in pairs.

### Step 4

Take turns practicing your dialogue.

Personal answer



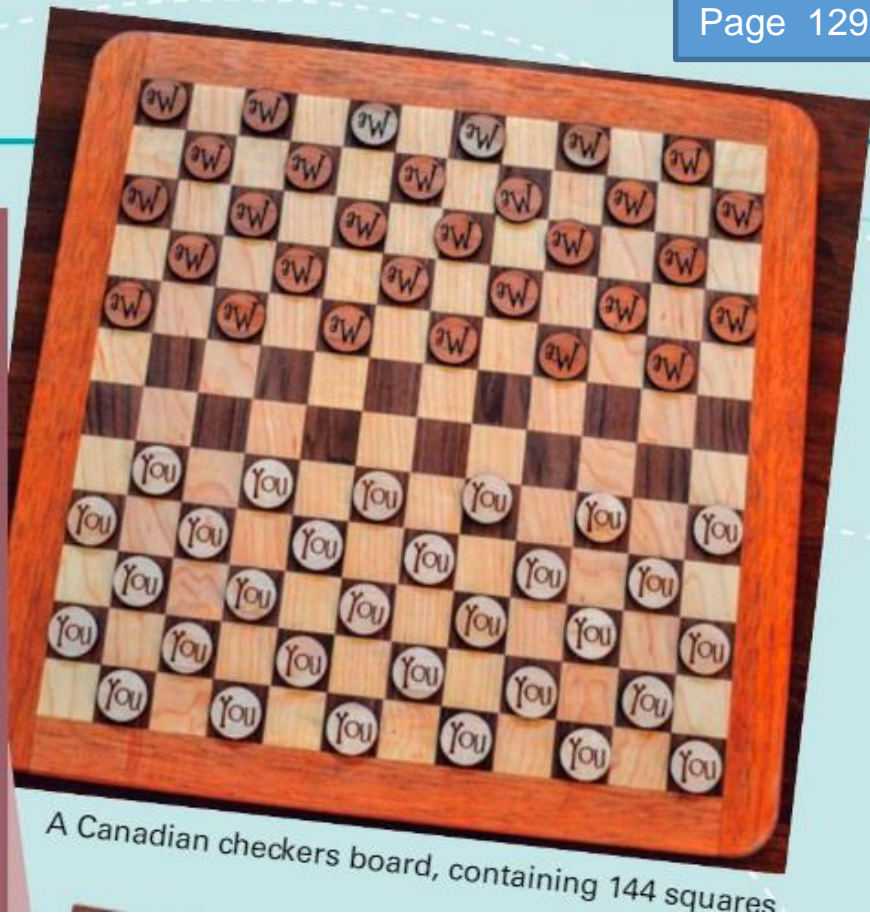


## CULTURE

## Canadian Checkers

Canadian checkers is a variant of checkers, quite popular in Quebec. Also called Canadian draughts, this game is played on a 12x12 board of 144 squares with 30 pieces on a side, and not a 10x10 checkerboard of 20 pieces per side as in international checkers. Why is this so?

The story goes that a traveler who arrived in Canada from Europe was trying to explain the game to his Canadian friends but, because he didn't remember the number of squares on the board, he came up with a board with 12 squares per side. However, the rules are the same as for international checkers.



A Canadian checkers board, containing 144 squares

The game is played by two people, on opposite sides of a playing board, alternating moves. One player has dark pieces, and the other has light pieces. Pieces move diagonally and pieces of the opponent are captured by jumping over them. A player wins the game if he or she captures all of the opposing player's pieces or if he or she leaves the opposing player with no legal moves. If neither player can move then it is a draw or a tie.

A regular 10x10 checkers board.



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Read and listen to the information about Canadian checkers and choose the correct information.

a Canadian checkers is popular ...

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all over Canada.



mainly in Quebec.

b Canadian checkers is played ...

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on a 10×10 checkerboard.



on a 12×12 checkerboard.

c The rules of Canadian checkers are ...



the same as international checkers.

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different from international checkers.

d ... people at a time can play the game.



Just two

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More than two

e A player wins the game ...

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just when he or she captures all of the opposing player's pieces.



either when he or she captures all of the opposing player's pieces or when he or she leaves the opposing player with no legal moves.

**2** There are many variants of checkers. Is this board game played in your country? What is the board size? How many pieces per side are there?

Personal answer

**3** Do you play checkers? What other board games do you play?

Personal answer

## 6 Complete the questions with *do* or *does*.

Does she sleep eight hours a night?

a Do you swim in this lake?

b Does he talk to you very often?

c How often Does he usually win?



**7** Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

ask do play (x2) need want write

Lily a Why are you asking Mom that question?

Jake Because she wants me to guess the name of a famous person.

Lily Ah! b Are you playing a game?

Jake Yes, 'Twenty Questions.'

Lily How c do you play it?

Jake It's easy. One person thinks of a famous person, and the other person asks questions to guess.

Lily Why d is Mom writing the answers in a notebook?

**Jake** Because she doesn't want to forget them.

**Lily** **e** Do you need a notebook and a pen to play?

**Jake** No, you don't. **f** Do you want to play?

**Lily** OK. It sounds fun. But you ask the questions.

**Jake** OK. What **g** are you doing now?

**Lily** I'm looking for a famous person on the internet.

8 Underline the correct alternatives.

From: Aisha

To: Ella

Subject: I miss you <3

Hi, Ella,

It's Friday afternoon and it **'s raining / rains**. I **sit / 'm sitting** inside and writing to you because there's nothing to do!

I **am thinking / think** of you today. I know you **are / being** very busy because you **prepare / are preparing** for your exams.

I **am having / have** a difficult week at school because we **have / are having** exams all week long – two every day. We **don't have / are not having** the results yet. But I **am thinking / think** they are OK.

We also **playing / play** basketball on Wednesdays – teachers against students! It is great. The students always win, of course. :-)

I am taking some pictures. I **am k send / sending** you some with this email.

What are your plans for the weekend? Can you come to the park tomorrow?

Write soon! Love,

Aisha





**9** Complete the questions with your own ideas. Write answers for you.

**a** When do you \_\_\_\_\_ **Personal answer** \_\_\_\_\_?

**b** How often do you \_\_\_\_\_ **Personal answer** \_\_\_\_\_?

**c** At the moment, are you \_\_\_\_\_ **Personal answer** \_\_\_\_\_?