Online Classroom»

The Socialisation Game

Start	2	3	4 Hospital visitors remark on your strong "manly" grip: Boys forward 1 space; Girls back to start - learning femininity starts early	5	6 Hospital visitors love your sweet smile: Girls forward 1 space; Boys back to start - learning masculinity starts early and doesn't include "sweetness".	7	8 A neighbour remarks on how pretty and cute you look. Girls forward 2 spaces; Boys miss a go.	9	10
20	19	18 Your parents tell you to in by 9 pm - but you stay out until 11. Girls miss a go to reflect on your disobedience. Boys forward 2 spaces - to celebrate your growing independence.	17 You cover the walls of your bedroom with pictures of Boy Band hunks. Girls forward 2 spaces; Boys don't move until you throw a 2.	16	15 When playing in the rain, your clothes get covered in mud. Girls miss a go (while you wash your clothes); Boys forward 1 space (while Mum washes your clothes).	14	13	12 You trip over in the road and start to cry Girls forward 1 space; Boys back 3 spaces (You need to learn that boys don't cry)	Your aunt gives you a fire engine for your birthday. Girls back 2 spaces; Boys throw again.
	22 Your best subject at school is Physics. Girls miss a go; Boys forward 3 spaces - science is for boys!	23	24 Your school friends suggest you're putting on weight. Girls back 3 spaces (time to diet); Boys forward 1 space (you're a growing lad).	25		27 You're elected 1st team Netball captain. Girls throw again (it's important not to go against the norm); Boys miss a go (Norm-breaking has its limits).		29 Your school report says "Popular but not academic". Girls forward 2 spaces (popularity is important); Boys miss a go (Achievement is more important than popularity.	30
40 You leave school with no qualifications Girls forward 1 space (there's always motherhood). Boys miss a go (while you think about your life).	39	38 You fail your GCSEs. Girls forward 1 space (there's always shop work to fall back on); Boys back 4 spaces (time to think about retakes).	37	36 Friends start to gossip about your interest in the opposite sex. Girls back 2 spaces (to think about your reputation); Boys forward 3 spaces (You're Jack The Lad).	35 You're given moisturiser for Xmas Girls forward 3 spaces; Boys forward 2 spaces (looking good is important - just not quite so important).	34	33	32 You receive a Pilates DVD for your birthday. Girls skip forward 2 spaces; Boys miss a go while you try to swap it for Death Ninja 7.	31
11	42 You get engaged. Girls forward 2 spaces (what a lovely diamond ring); Boys throw a 1 to continue (you couldn't really afford it).	43	44	45 Your partner dumps you. Girls back 4 spaces (to reflect on your faults); Boys forward 2 spaces (time to get out there again)	46	47	48 You change jobs frequently. Girls back 1 space (perhaps it's time to settle down?); Boys forward 2 spaces (while you celebrate your next career move).	49 A relative bequeaths you \$1000. Girls forward 1 space (you save it for a rainy day); Boys miss a go while you nurse a hangover from the party for your mates.	50
Finish Throw a 6 to end the game.	59	58	57 "Congratulations! It's a baby boy"; Girls forward 3 spaces (your socialisation is complete); Boys miss a go (another mouth to feed).	56	55 After a whirlwind romance, you get married. Girls forward 1 space (you're off the shelf!); Boys forward 1 space (to celebrate finding someone who can work a microwave).		53 Your competitive streak comes to the fore as you near the finish line. Girls back 6 spaces; Boys forward 1 space (you can be competitive, but it's not feminine for girls to be too pushy).	52	Your widowed mother falls ill Girls miss a go (while you put your work on hold); Boys back 5 spaces (you lose your job - again).