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Vocabulary and Grammar

past simple and present perfect • holidays and celebrations • games

1 Choose the correct answer.

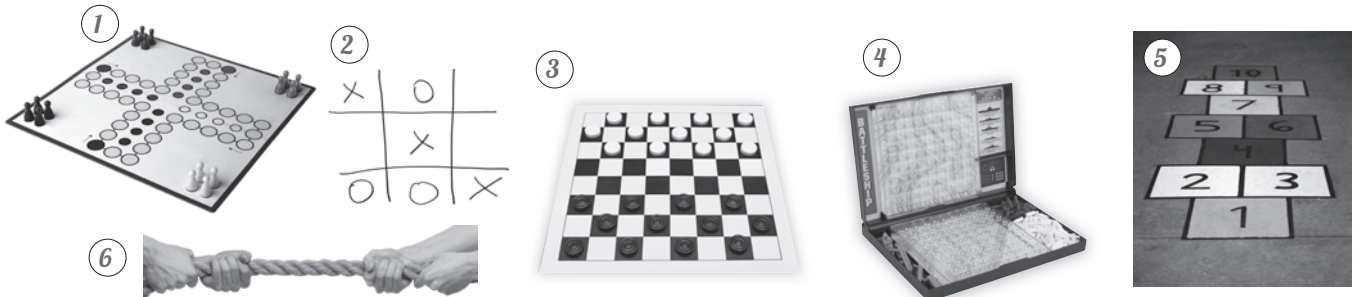
- 1 Her birthday party was **outstanding**!
 - a it was long
 - b it was exceptional
- 3 Ann **is big on** Christmas with the whole family.
 - a she doesn't like it
 - b she's enthusiastic about it
- 5 People **hold celebrations** for so many different reasons!
 - a they organise parties
 - b they cancel parties
- 2 Come over after school and we can **catch up**.
 - a talk and update each other
 - b watch a film together
- 4 We're helping Lara to **throw a big do** next week.
 - a tidy her room by throwing away a lot of things
 - b prepare a party

2 Name the celebrations the pictures below refer to.



3 Match the names of the games with appropriate pictures.

battleships noughts and crosses hopscotch Ludo draughts tug-of-war



4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple, the present perfect simple or continuous.

- 1 I _____ (cook) since I was six and it's always been my hobby. I _____ (devise) more than a thousand recipes so far, some of which _____ (publish) two years ago.
- 2 _____ (you try / contact) me on Monday? Sorry, I _____ (be) away in Berlin on business, but I _____ (be) back now, ready to help you.
- 3 They _____ (go) on holiday to France and won't be back until next week.
- 4 _____ (I / try / get in touch) with Magda all morning but I can't find her anywhere.
- 5 _____ (You / play) computer games for the last three hours? Stop it immediately and go out to get some fresh air!

5 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 My keys have gone missing and there's only one explanation. I could have lost them on the train.
- 2 Tom might not have invited Ann to the prom – he had already invited Ewa.
- 3 Being the CEO of an international company may be really stressful.
- 4 Let's go out and have some fun – after two weeks of staying indoors you could be really bored!