



Education and Culture DG

## Lifelong Learning Programme

### Fazan-Pheasant



This game requires a minimum of 2 players. The game starts when one of the children starts saying the alphabet in his/her mind. Then, another player says STOP and the one who has said the alphabet has to say out loud what letter he/she has last said in his/her mind. One of the children then utters a word that begins with the letter which has been said out loud. The word has to be formed of at least 3 letters. The next child has to utter a word that begins with the last two letters of the previously uttered word. The next child also has to utter a word that begins with the last two letters of the previously uttered word. And so on for all the players. When a player is not able to continue and cannot utter a word that begins with the last two letters of the previously uttered word, he/she gets an F (from the word *fazan* which the Romanian word for *pheasant*). Thus, each player is entitled to 5 mistakes (five times when he/she cannot utter a word either because the last 2 letters of the previously uttered word are a dead-end- there are no words that begin like that- or because the player simply cannot remember or does not know a word that begins with that group of letters). The first mistake stands for F, the second for A, the third for Z, the fourth for A, and the fifth for N. Whenever one of the players makes a mistake and gets one letter as punishment, he/she has to start saying the alphabet in his/her mind. And the whole process explained in the beginning is repeated. When their mistakes sum up to form the word FAZAN, they are excluded from the game. The last one who remains is the winner. In the game there are not allowed any proper nouns or prepositions and each word is to be used only once. The first 2 words after choosing a letter must not be dead-ends.

#### Example:

There are 3 players: Dan, Ana and Alex.

Dan starts saying the alphabet in his mind. Ana says STOP. Dan says B – the last letter he stopped at while saying the alphabet in his mind when Ana said stop. Ana has to say a word that begins with B and has at least 3 letters – she says *bean*. Now Alex has to say a word of at least 3 letters that is not a dead-end and which begins with AN- he says *anonymous*. Now Dan will have to say a word of minimum 3 letters that begins with US- he says *useless*. Ana is unable to say a word of 3 letters that begins with SS so she gets an F. She also starts saying the alphabet in her mind. The game continues in the same way until two of them get FAZAN.