



You are living in a village somewhere in the lesser industrialized world:

- 3,000 people
- remote location
- hot, dry climate with rainy season
- some textile industry
- agriculture is basis of economy
- recent civil conflict

Throw the single die and move from square to square. If you land on the bottom of a rising arrow, move **UP** and follow the new directions.

If you land on the top of a falling arrow, move **DOWN** and follow the directions.



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GO SLOW and read everything **OUT LOUD** to each other.

This is **NOT** a race!!

Take time to notice what happens to you ... what helps and hurts you as you move through daily life in the village.

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| 48 ... But what does the world still need to do in order to help people everywhere have a more healthy and safe life? | 47 Both of your parents developed AIDS and died because they had no access to life-saving drugs. Your sister contracted HIV from your mother's milk, so now both of you have nowhere to go, and she is getting sicker by the day. | 46 200 million children under 15 years of age must work to support themselves and/or their families ... and this includes you! Back to 35. | 45 <i>What are you most thankful for in your life?</i> | 44 The world price for cotton has gone down a lot, so the village cloth factory shuts down. | 43 EVEN: The new logging business is so successful that the village and the government open a forestry college. Forward to 45. ODD: A tree beetle destroys most of the new trees, leading to loss of jobs. Back to 22. | 42 | 41 Villagers work together to build tanks to collect rainwater during the rainy season, which provides safe drinking water for the whole year. Forward to 45. |
| 33 | 34 Cholera disease, caused by dirty water, is spreading quickly in the village. Your water well is near your outdoor toilet, so you get sick. | 35 | 36 ODD: The village women join together to keep the cloth factory going. Forward to 42. EVEN: Your mother can no longer earn a living as a cotton weaver, so children must quit school to work. Back to 29. | 37 Vaccinations are rare in village, so measles erupts in your neighbourhood. ... ODD: No vaccination, so you get very ill. Back to 29. EVEN: Complete childhood vaccination program protects you, so you only get the disease mildly. Miss a turn. | 38 | 39 The only doctor in your village health centre has returned to the capital city because he didn't like life in the country. | 40 <i>What if you couldn't go to school? How would this affect the rest of your life?</i> |
| 32 Still today almost 20 % of the people in the poorer countries don't have access to clean, safe drinking water. | 31 Landmines left over from civil war have been found near village. Refugees are afraid to return home and work the fields. So crops are not planted this year and many go hungry. Back to 12 and miss a turn. | 30 ODD: Thanks to dike and irrigation system built by village, rains don't cause floods but help crops. Forward to 38. EVEN: Rising waters in rivers break dikes, causing loss of human and animal life and crop damage. Back to 14. | 29 <i>Can you imagine what your life would be like if you lived in this village?</i> | 28 Your mother has just given birth to her 10th child. Four have died, but with one more mouth to feed, there will be less of everything for everyone. Back to 14. | 27 Village plants trees, which helps to prevent soil erosion and boost the income of some of the under-employed men. | 26 | 25 ODD: Someone from your village trains to be a community health worker. So all the village women receive important health and nutrition education. Forward to 33. EVEN: People have to travel for many hours to the town hospital. Stay here. |
| 17 ODD: You are forced to fight as a child soldier during the war. You lose an arm and now are unable to work and have no education. Back to 8. EVEN: You go to school and learn a good trade. Go to 26. | 18 More girls are going to elementary schools worldwide, but still 75% of the one billion people who cannot read or write are women and girls. | 19 Because of climate change, there has been 6 months of scorching hot weather and drought. But the rains have finally arrived!! --- and they are heavy this year. | 20 Your farm is too small to feed your family -- and too small to help your family get a bank loan to buy more land and animals. | 21 Over 15 million children have been made orphans by HIV/AIDS. ODD: You and your sister are taken in by relatives, and she receives AIDS drugs. Forward to 35. EVEN: You have to look after your sister, and she continues to get sicker. Miss a turn. | 22 | 23 ODD: Your family installs a bio-gas cooker, which uses cow manure, eliminating the need for firewood. Forward to 35. EVEN: Firewood collection requires a daily 5 km walk for children, leaving little time for play and schoolwork. Back to 10. | 24 Unclean water leads to an attack of diarrhea ODD: You become dehydrated from lack of treatment. Back to 14. EVEN: You drink a simple sugar and salt solution and get better quickly. Miss a turn. |
| 16 After you are orphaned during the war at age 12, a neighbour promises to look after you and make sure you go to school and learn a trade. | 15 The 'poor' are too often considered bad risks for bank loans, which would allow them to improve the level of health and education for their families. | 14 | 13 ODD: They only listen to men, so project doesn't help the poor. Back to 5. EVEN: Whole village, including women, is consulted. Project helps poor with basic needs. Forward to 26. | 12 <i>What would you most miss in your life if it were taken away?</i> | 11 Lack of land and income are the main causes of malnutrition. Your family is unable to obtain a healthy diet with only a small piece of land and a few animals. | 10 | 9 Your government owes billions of dollars in foreign debt, so they are unable to pay for a much-needed elementary school. ODD: Parents build new classrooms, so girls can go to school. Forward to 18. EVEN: Girls with no schooling are forced to marry early. Back to 6. |
| 1 | 2 No trained medical help during childbirth. Roll again. ODD: Antibiotics save the lives of you and your mother. Forward to 12. EVEN: Mother dies in childbirth due to infection. Start the game again. | 3 Your family gets long-lasting mosquito nets treated with insecticide, which protect you from malaria. Forward to 14. | 4 Local organization wants to begin project to help improve the quality of life in your village. | 5 | 6 Every year of schooling that a girl receives increases the life expectancy of her future family by up to 10 %. | 7 The cooler weather has finally come, but now you will need extra fuel for heating and cooking. | 8 <i>Who protects you from danger or harm?</i> |