

## Unit 1: The Snow Monkey Challenge Game



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This fun board game is designed as an introduction to learning about Japan, introducing some cultural aspects and reinforcing some animal classification.

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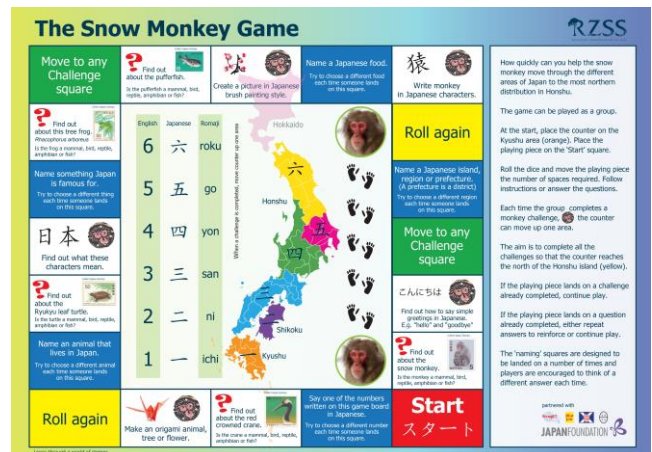
Snow Monkey Challenge game board

## Requirements (not included):

dice

1 x playing piece

1 x counter



## How to play:

The game can be played as a group. The pupils are trying to help the snow monkey move through the different areas of Japan to the most northern distribution in Honshu.

At the start, place the counter on the Kyushu area. Place the playing piece on the 'Start' square.

Roll the dice and move the playing piece the number of spaces required. Follow instructions or answer the questions.

Each time the group completes a monkey challenge, the counter can move up one area.

The aim is to complete all the challenges so that the counter reaches the north of the Honshu island.

If the playing piece lands on a challenge already completed, continue play.

If the playing piece lands on a question already completed, either repeat answers to reinforce or continue play.

The 'naming' squares are designed to be landed on a number of times and players are encouraged to think of a different answer each time.

Within the game, the challenges and questions cover:

- Finding out how to say and write some Japanese numbers.
- Make an origami animal.
- Name some animals from Japan.
- Find out what 日本 means.
- Name something Japan is famous for.
- Create a Japanese brush painting.
- Name a Japanese food.
- Write the Kanji character for monkey – 猿.
- Name a Japanese region or prefecture.
- Find out how to say simple greetings in Japanese, for example hello and goodbye.