

# FIRST AND GOAL

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Fact and Opinion

For grades 2-4; Groups of 2

## Materials Needed:

The First and Goal game board  
First and Goal cards  
Game pieces (cut from bottom of page)

## How to Construct:

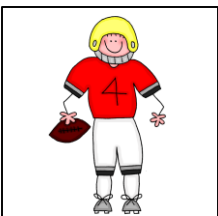
1. Cut off the rules and game pieces.
2. Laminate the game board onto the front of a manila envelope, and the rules on the back of the envelope. Make sure the envelope is open when it is laminated.
3. Laminate the game pieces.
4. Use scissors to slice open the laminate at the opening of the envelope.
5. Store the game pieces in the game board envelope.

## How to Play:

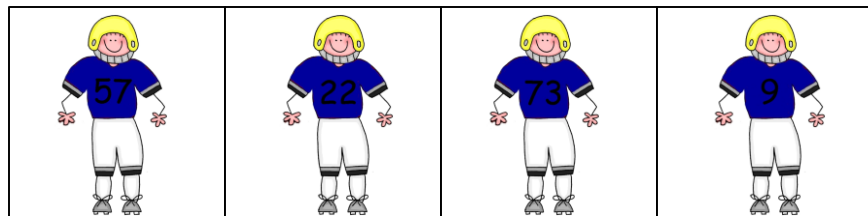
1. One person is the offense. Place the quarterback (the one with the ball) on any dark green square on the bottom row.
2. The other person is the defense. Place one lineman on each dark green square along the top row.
3. Place the game cards beside the game board.
4. The offense goes first. Take a card, read the statement, and say if it is a fact or opinion. If it is an opinion, identify the opinion word. If the answer is correct, move the quarterback one adjacent dark green square in any direction. Remember the goal is to make a touchdown without being pinned by the linemen. If the answer is not correct, the quarterback does not move.
5. The defense goes next. Take a card, read the statement, and say if it is a fact or opinion. If it is an opinion, identify the opinion word. If the answer is correct, choose a lineman and move him down one space, playing only on the dark green squares. Linemen can only move down, not back up. Only one lineman can move per turn. If the answer is not correct, no lineman may move.
6. Play continues until the quarterback makes a touchdown or until the linemen block him from moving.

## Game Pieces

Offense



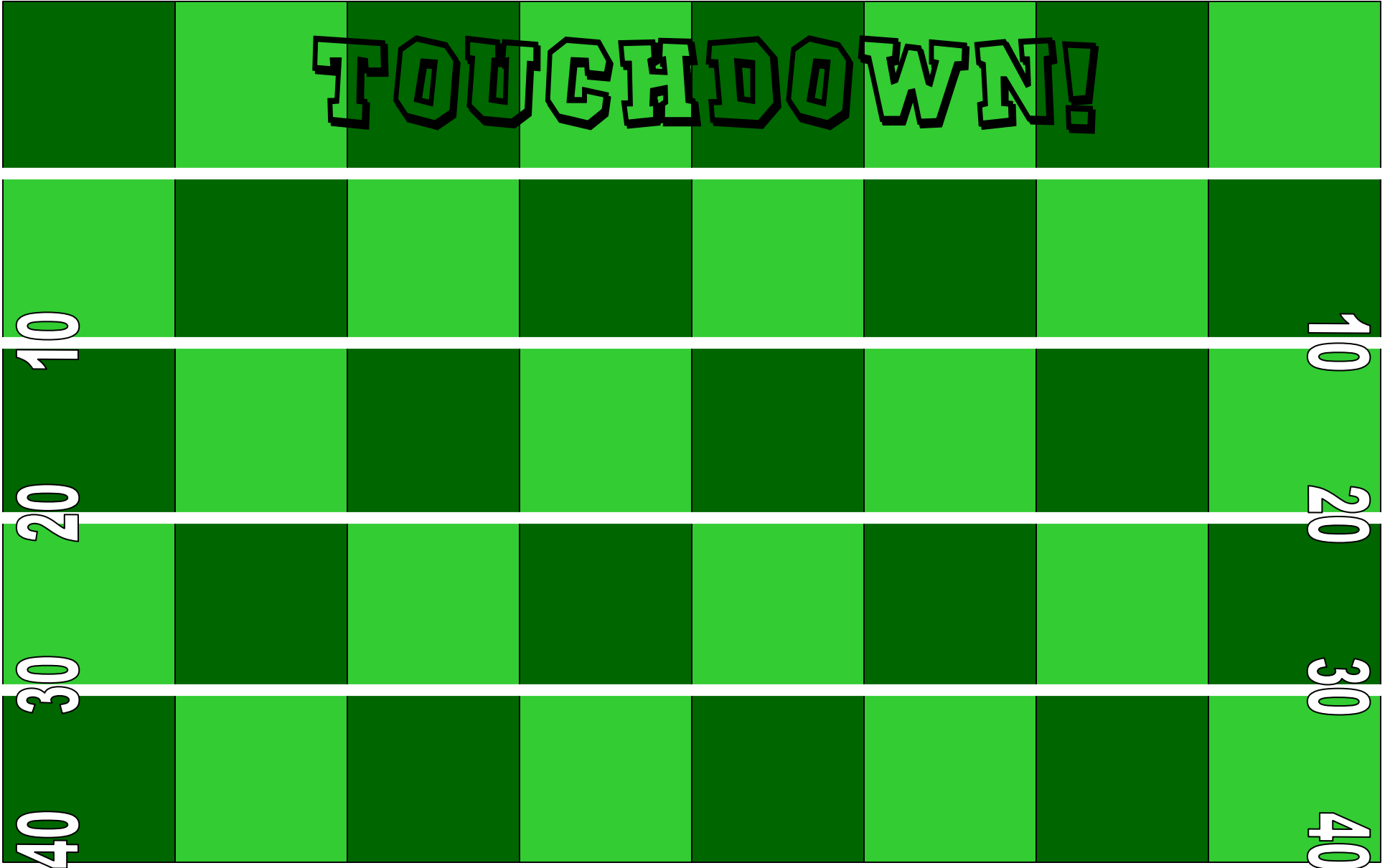
Defense



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**TOUCHDOWN!**



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1. Offense is placed on one dark green square along the bottom. Defense covers the dark green squares along the top.
2. Question cards are placed face up beside the game board.
3. In turn, each player reads a sentence and says if it is a fact or opinion. If it is an opinion, the opinion word(s) must be identified. If correct, the player may move one connected dark green space. If the answer is incorrect, the player loses the turn.
4. Offense may move forward and backward. Defense may move only one player at a time, and only forward, not backward.
5. The game is over when either the offense scores a touchdown or the defense blocks the offense from moving.

## Answer Key

- |                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1- fact            | 11- opinion; best      |
| 2- opinion; should | 12- fact               |
| 3- opinion; fun    | 13- opinion; prettiest |
| 4- opinion; should | 14- fact               |
| 5- opinion; great  | 15- opinion; best      |
| 6- opinion; faster | 16- opinion; better    |
| 7- opinion; best   | 17- fact               |
| 8- opinion; hot    | 18- fact               |
| 9- fact            | 19- opinion; prettiest |
| 10- fact           | 20- opinion; like      |

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## Answer Key

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 21- opinion; like    | 31- opinion; easy      |
| 22- opinion; easiest | 32- opinion; too, loud |
| 23- fact             | 33- opinion; tall      |
| 24- fact             | 34- fact               |
| 25- fact             | 35- fact               |
| 26- fact             | 36- fact               |
| 27- fact             |                        |
| 28- opinion; great   |                        |
| 29- fact             |                        |
| 30- opinion; liked   |                        |

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Some whales  
swim to the  
equator for  
winter.

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1

Nobody should  
have a rabbit as  
a pet.

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2

School is fun.

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3

There should be  
school every day  
of the week.

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4

The food in the cafeteria is great.

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5

Girls can run faster than boys.

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6

Texas is the best state.

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7

It is hot outside.

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8

It is 90°F today.

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9

It takes more muscles to frown than to smile.

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10

Recess is the best part of school.

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11

There are eight planets.

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12

The rose is the prettiest flower.

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13

There are many types of flowers.

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14

Italian food tastes the best.

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15

Trucks are better than cars.

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16

Policemen help keep us safe.

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17

A refrigerator keeps food cold.

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18

That is the prettiest dress.

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19

I like to watch the news on TV.

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20

I like to eat  
cheese.

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21

Writing is the  
easiest subject in  
school.

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22

Eating healthy  
food helps your  
body to be  
strong.

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23

Exercising helps  
you stay healthy.

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24

There are twenty  
people in the  
class.

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25

The light is on.

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26

The book has 125  
pages.

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27

That is a great  
book.

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28

Chris owns four  
dogs.

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29

I liked that  
movie.

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30

Homework was  
easy last night.

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31

The music is too  
loud.

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32

The teacher is tall.

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33

We are having  
pizza for lunch.

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The shoes are  
white.

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Every snowflake is  
different.

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