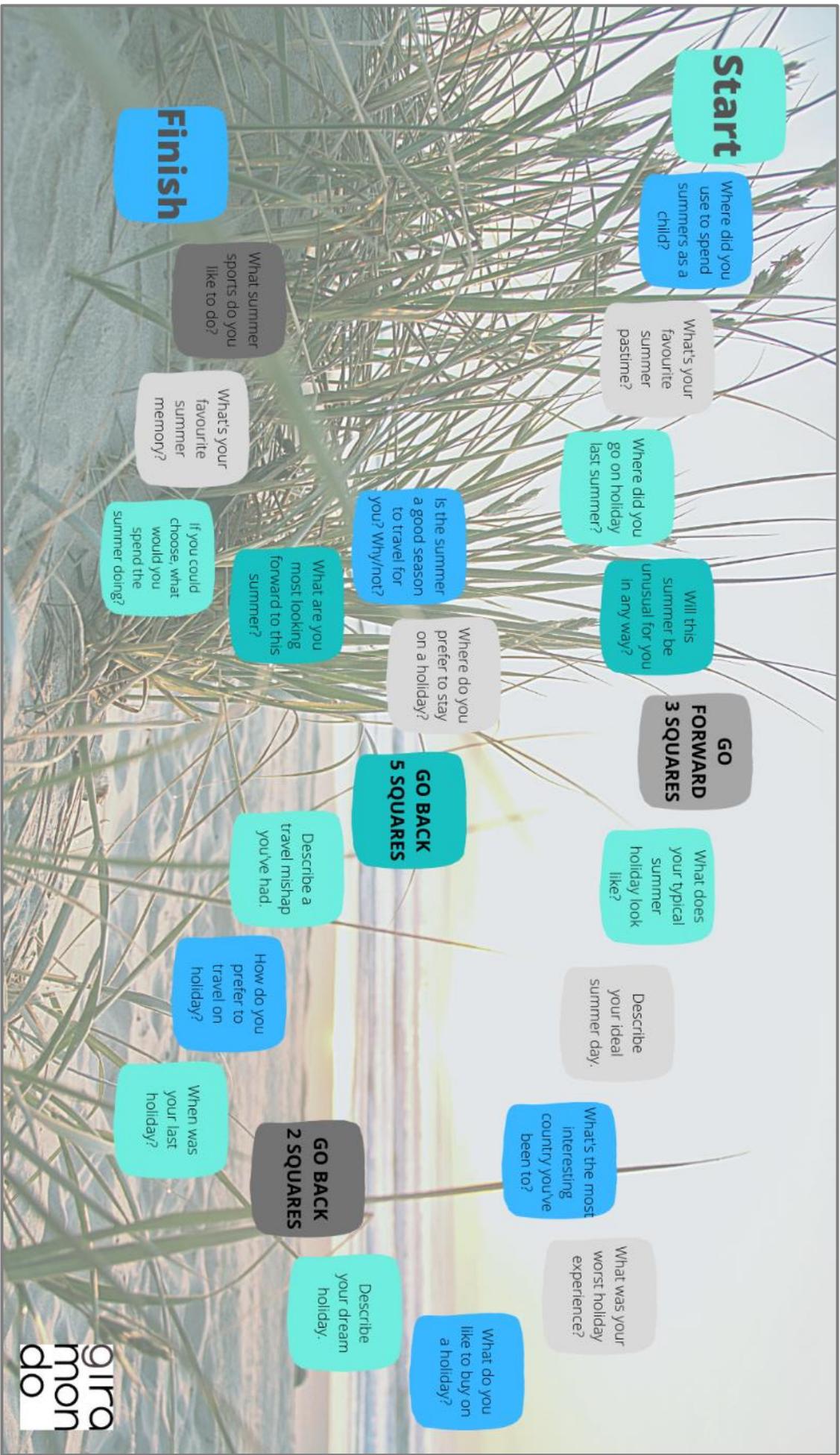




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Summer conversation lesson

level: pre-intermediate (A2)+

class: group

time: 60 min.

skills: speaking, grammar

Warm up

1. Tell your students what the lesson topic is. As a group, students *think of one adjective to describe SUMMER* starting with each letter of the word (e.g. sunny, unbelievable, miraculous, marvellous, radiant).

For me, summer means...

2. Each student works on their own, preparing a list of *associations*: they complete the sentence 'For me, summer means...' in as many ways as possible. Set a time limit of 1 min. Then, students compare their lists and explain their choices.
3. Cut out pictures from worksheet 1 and let students choose which *picture best represents* their usual/this summer. Again, remember to ask for explanation. If none of the pictures work for them, encourage them to draw their own!

My summer

4. Using worksheet 2, play a *summer board game*. You'll need a counter for each student and a dice. Students have to answer the question on the square they arrive on. Make sure they go beyond single-sentence answers. If necessary (and appropriate), you can set a 30-sec. limit for each speaking turn.
5. Continue with a 'free' discussion about your students' plans for the summer. Focus on the correct use of *will*, *going to* and *might*. If necessary, explain the difference in advance and demonstrate talking about your own summer plans.

Summer story cubes

6. If you don't have [story cubes](#), cut out cards from worksheet 3 and put them in an envelope. Students draw out two at a time and take turns to tell a *summer story*, always using the pictures in the cards as prompts: they can use either the literal or symbolic meaning of the item. Let their imagination run wild, the only rule is it has to be a summer story!

Cooler

7. Each student makes a summer *resolution* related to English. If they're short of ideas, suggest 'I'll watch three movies in English this summer.'/'I'll have at least one real conversation in English this summer.'/'I'll keep a summer diary in English.' etc. If possible, keep in touch to help them stick to the plan.