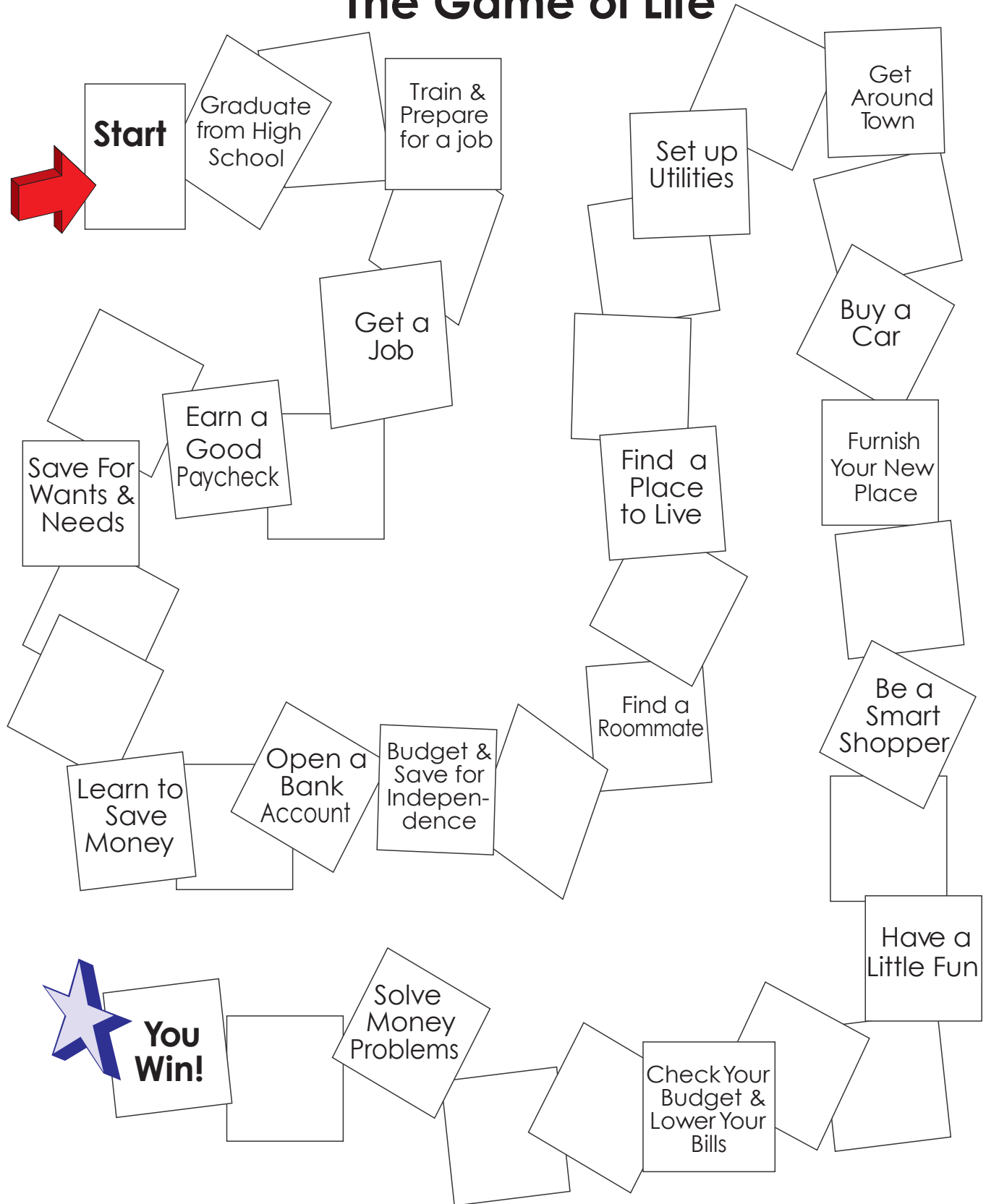


The Game of Life



You Are a Graduate! What's Next?

You have just graduated from high school. As you walk off of the stage, you are glad to have your diploma. You also feel a little scared. You are still unsure about your next step. Your parents want you to work full time to save money for a car. Your best friend just started a job at a factory making \$9.00 an hour, with no training or college. You, too, could start at the factory. Or you could go to a training program or a college and try for a better paying job later.



If you start to work now, you can save money and buy things you would like to have. If you go to training or college, you will need to wait to buy the things you want. You will not be able to move out and live on your own, but studies show you will have a better chance at a higher paying job later.

For the next few weeks, you will play **The Game Of Life**. Follow the directions below to find out what will happen. First, you will get money from family and friends for your graduation. You also have \$200 from a part-time job you had last year. Follow the directions below to find out how much money you may start with after graduation.

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STEP 1: To find out how much money you have received in gifts for your graduation, roll the dice to receive the amount listed below:

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| 1 = \$100 | 2 = \$200 |
| 3 = \$300 | 4 = \$400 |
| 5 = \$500 | 6 = \$600 |



STEP 2: Add the amount you received in gifts to the \$200 you have saved. This is the total amount of money you will have for Step 3. Write the total here: \$_____. Your teacher will give you cash for this amount. Keep your cash safe!