



# The Places Game

**Title:** *Mastering Arabic 1*

**Unit number:** 12

**Topic:** Nouns of place (مفعلة / مفعول)

**Aim:** To consolidate the pattern for nouns of place

**Materials needed:**

- Print-outs of game board (one per group)
- Dice
- Counters

This game is a fun way of revising nouns of place (مفعلة / مفعول). You can make it more or less challenging depending on the ability of your students.

## Step 1

- ✓ Introduce patterns for nouns of place and complete *Mastering Arabic 1*, Exercise 11 (page 163).

## Step 2

- ✓ Divide the students into groups. As few as two students or as many as four or five.
- ✓ Give each group a printed game board as attached, one dice and a counter for each student.
- ✓ Establish that the board has photos of different places, all following the مفعلة / مفعول pattern. Elicit one or two examples from the board.

## Step 3

- ✓ Explain that all players must put their counters on START and then throw the dice in turn.
- ✓ Each player moves the number of squares on the dice and then says the name of the place on which he or she lands, e.g. مصنع.
- ✓ If the player can say the Arabic place, he or she can stay on the square. If not the counter must be moved back to where it was before the turn.

## Step 4

- ✓ Players take turns throwing the dice and moving their counters.
- ✓ A player needs to throw the exact number to land on FINISH first and is then the winner.

You can adapt this game to include plurals of the places, so that a player needs to say مصنع / مصانع. You could also pre-teach a simple sentence as a model. Each player then throws the dice and needs to produce the simple pre-taught sentence to match the square. For example, if a player lands on the picture of the museum, he or she could say:

زَهَبْتُ إِلَى المتحفِ أَمْسَ.

(This would also help the students prepare for the next unit, Unit 13.)

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**START**

