

Find The Fallacy

# **Neohumanism: Rationality**

Board Game

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*Educated are those who have learned much, remembered much, and made use of their knowledge in practical life.*

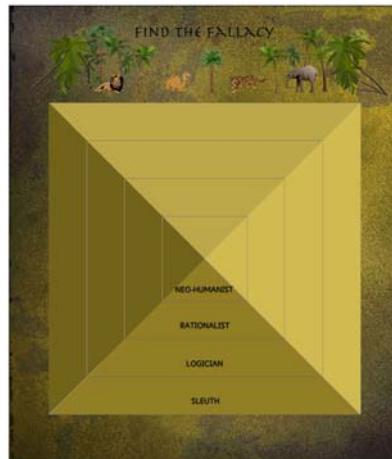
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# INSTRUCTIONS



## Assembling the Game

To assemble the game:

1. Print the subsequent pages of this file on card stock.
2. Cut out the game board and cards, gluing the face side of each card to its back side.
3. (Optional) Laminate all items for durability.

## Playing the Game

A fallacy is an uncertain or even false deduction from a plausible argument. The facts are not in question, but the logic is faulty.

1. The game board is placed in the center of the playing area. The two decks of cards, Fallacy and Challenge, are shuffled and placed face down next to the game board.
2. This game is for 1-4 players. When there is more than one player, the first player to draw a specified game counter from a bag begins the play. The other players take their turn in clockwise rotation.
3. Each player takes her/his turn cutting the deck of Fallacy cards. The fallacy on the top card must be correctly identified within one minute by the current player. Otherwise, s/he forfeits the turn.

**NOTE** Each fallacy is identified on the front side of the Fallacy card, which remains face down until the player has ventured her/his opinion.

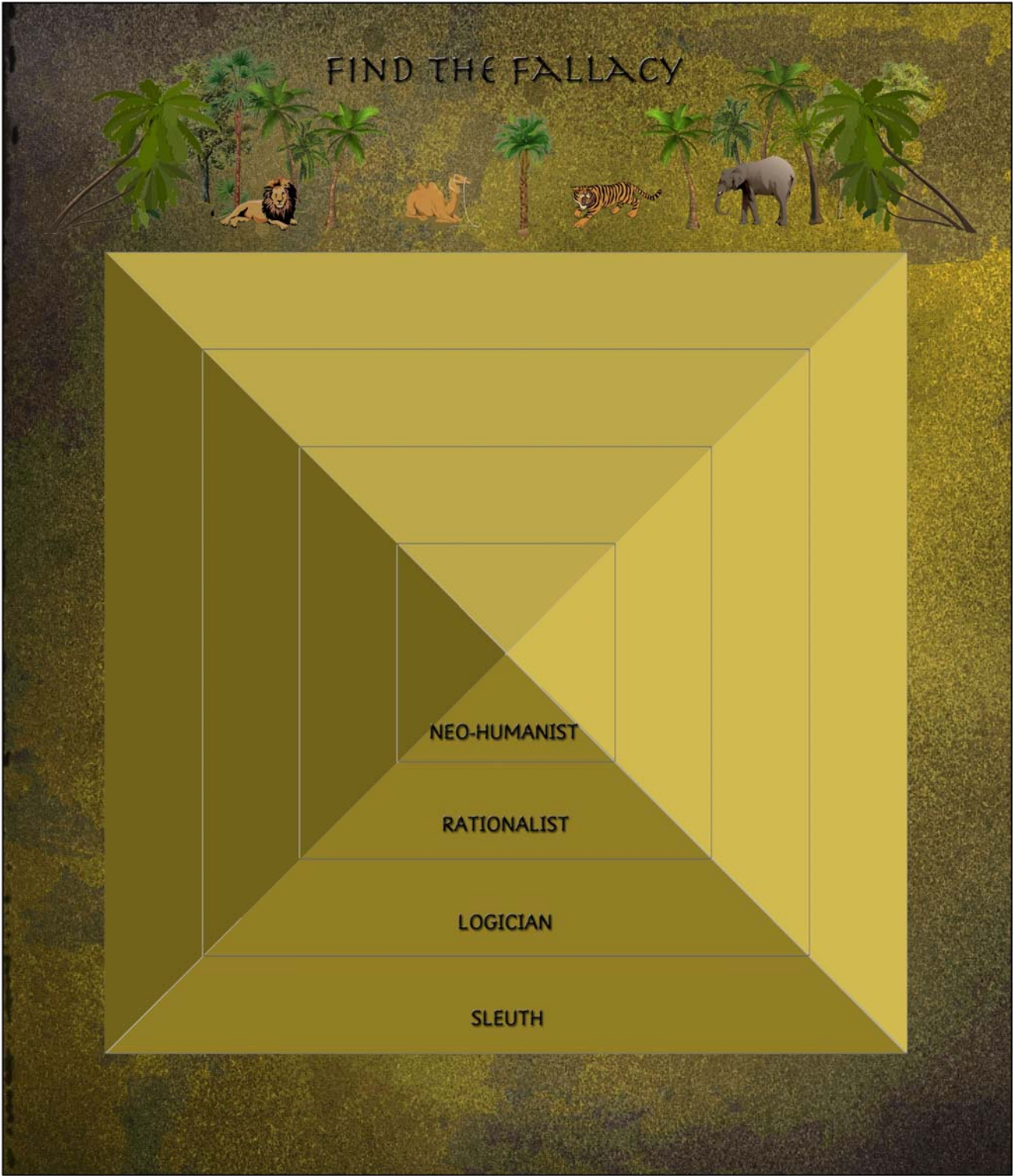
4. On correctly identifying the fallacy, the player turns over the top Challenge card and has 10 minutes to complete the challenge. On successful completion of the challenge, the player ascends to the next level of the pyramid. (On the first success, the player reaches the Sleuth level.) Failure to complete a challenge in time results in forfeit of the turn. On the next turn, the player will try again to complete either the same challenge or a new challenge (by turning over the next Challenge card in the deck).

**NOTE** For easier access to the various Web sites, this PDF file may be left open on the computer used for the game. In that way, the Web pages for the numbered challenges may be reached via the hyperlinks on the Challenge cards. Each challenge is numbered for easy reference.

5. The play continues until the first player reaches the top of the pyramid, Neohumanist.

THE GAME

Game Board



## Fallacy Cards

Back Side

## ARGUMENT

Even if some bad boys bring me ice cream, I will not eat it!



Front Side

## FALLACY

Will the ice cream be eaten if a good girl brings it?



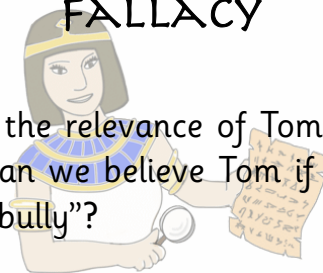
## ARGUMENT

Tom is a bully, so you cannot believe a word he says.



## FALLACY

What is the relevance of Tom being a bully? Can we believe Tom if he says, "I am a bully"?



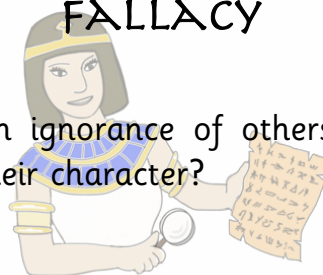
## ARGUMENT

We do not have any followers of that religion in our community, so they must be bad people.



## FALLACY

How can ignorance of others inform about their character?



## Back Side

## ARGUMENT

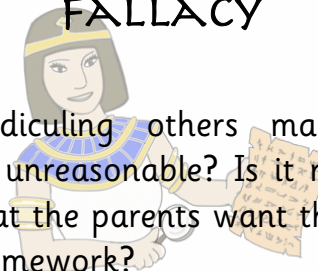
On weekdays, my parents want me home by 6pm; I guess they are afraid of werewolves.



## Front Side

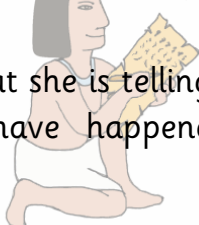
## FALLACY

Does ridiculing others make their position unreasonable? Is it not more likely that the parents want their child to do homework?



## ARGUMENT

Greta says that she is telling the truth, so it must have happened as she describes.



## FALLACY

Just because someone says something – something other than “I am speaking” – does that make it so?



## ARGUMENT

I must get the lead role in the play; otherwise, my friends will think that I cannot act.



## FALLACY

Should everyone suffer for the sake of one person's social life?



## Back Side

## ARGUMENT

This politician promises us change that we can believe in, so we should support him.



## Front Side

## FALLACY

Maybe some can believe in the promised change, but can or will the politician actually make it happen?



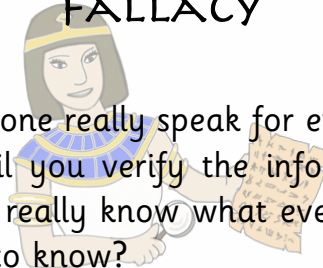
## ARGUMENT

Everyone knows that he is an idiot, so he must be wrong.



## FALLACY

Can anyone really speak for everyone; and until you verify the information, can you really know what everyone is alleged to know?



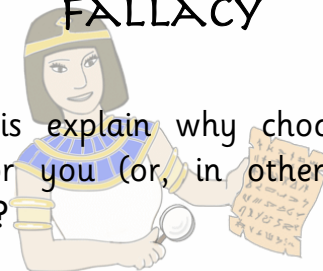
## ARGUMENT

Chocolate is good for you, because it is healthy.



## FALLACY

Does this explain why chocolate is good for you (or, in other words, healthy)?





## Back Side

## ARGUMENT

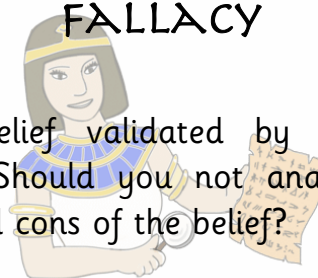
Give me that old-time religion – it was good enough for my father and my grandfather, and it is good enough for me.



## Front Side

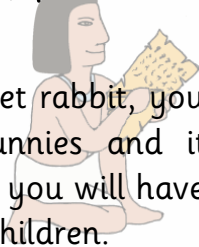
## FALLACY

Is a belief validated by tradition alone? Should you not analyze the pros and cons of the belief?



## ARGUMENT

If you get a pet rabbit, you must feed it and its bunnies and its bunnies' bunnies. Soon you will have no money to feed your children.



## FALLACY

Should speculation about an unlikely and remote consequence frighten you into avoiding a common and typically harmless practice?



## ARGUMENT

How dare you say that I am foolish – after all, I won the race at last year's picnic!



## FALLACY

What is the connection between running fast (or slow) and being foolish?



## Back Side

## ARGUMENT

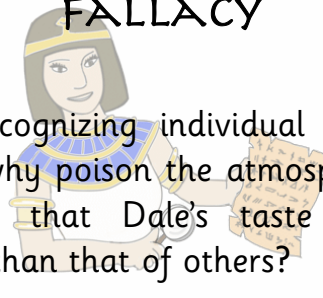
Everyone has their own taste in music – even a dummy like Dale.



## Front Side

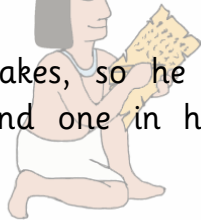
## FALLACY

After recognizing individual taste in music, why poison the atmosphere by implying that Dale's taste is less worthy than that of others?



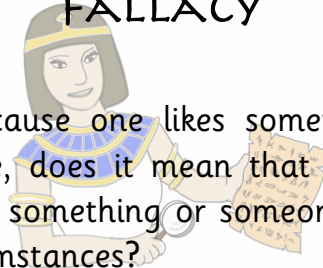
## ARGUMENT

Nick likes snakes, so he should be pleased to find one in his sleeping bag.



## FALLACY

Just because one likes something or someone, does it mean that one will like that something or someone under all circumstances?



## ARGUMENT

You can either help me to steal that car or join me in a bank robbery.



## FALLACY

Are those really the only two options?



## Back Side

## ARGUMENT

The sun comes up when my rooster crows, so my rooster makes the sun rise.



## Front Side

## FALLACY

Does the sun come up because the rooster crows, or does the rooster crow because the sun comes up?



## ARGUMENT

There is no need to eat healthy food, because people who eat healthy food still get sick.



## FALLACY

Is it realistic to think that eating healthy food will prevent every disease for everyone? Can eating healthy food prevent death?



## ARGUMENT

I don't believe that I can fail the exam – if I believed that, I would not be able to sleep at night.



## FALLACY

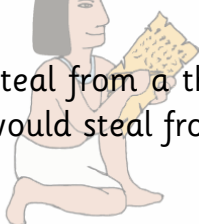
Will hiding one's head in the sand make a threat go away?



## Back Side

## ARGUMENT

It is okay to steal from a thief – after all, the thief would steal from you.



## Front Side

## FALLACY

Do two wrongs make a right?



## ARGUMENT

You cannot prove that you did not break the law, so you must be guilty.



## FALLACY

Where does the burden of proof lie? Is it possible for every person who cannot prove her or his innocence to be guilty?



## ARGUMENT

Sam lives in a large building, so his apartment must also be large.



## FALLACY

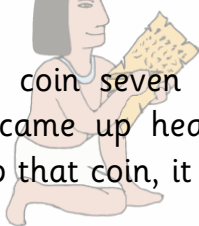
How many apartments are in Sam's building, and are all of the apartments the same size?



## Back Side

## ARGUMENT

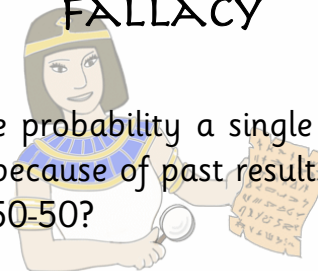
I flipped that coin seven times, and each time it came up heads; so the next time I flip that coin, it must come up tails.



## Front Side

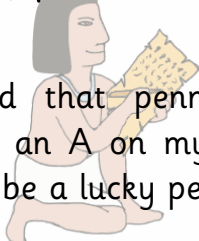
## FALLACY

Does the probability a single coin flip change because of past results, or is it always 50-50?



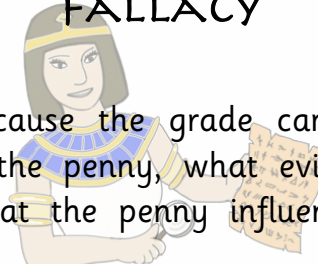
## ARGUMENT

After I found that penny on the ground, I got an A on my exam; so the coin must be a lucky penny.



## FALLACY

Just because the grade came after finding the penny, what evidence is there that the penny influenced the grade?



## ARGUMENT

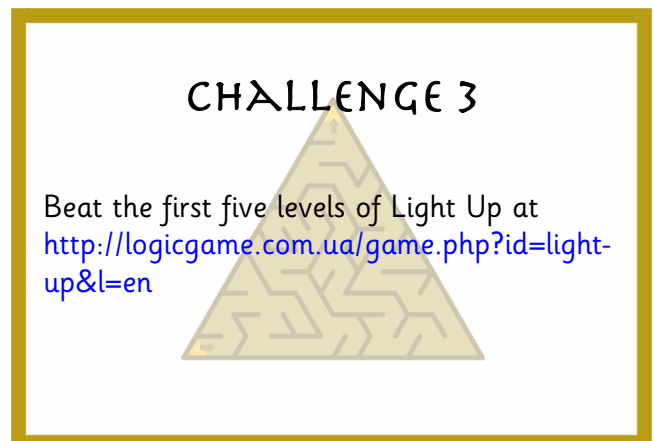
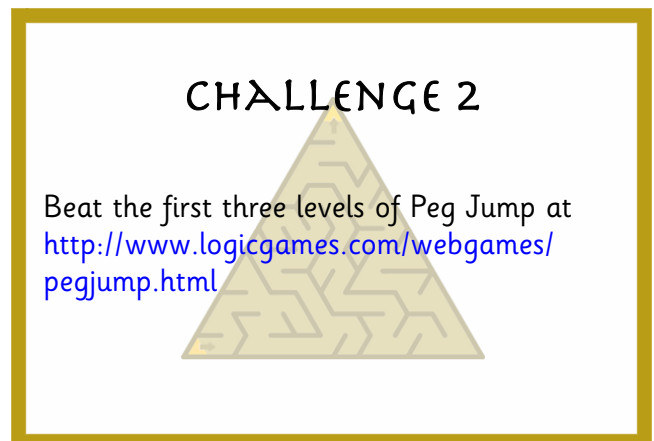
That beggar must be a thief, because all poor people need money.



## FALLACY

All poor people need money, but does this mean that all poor people would steal to get it?



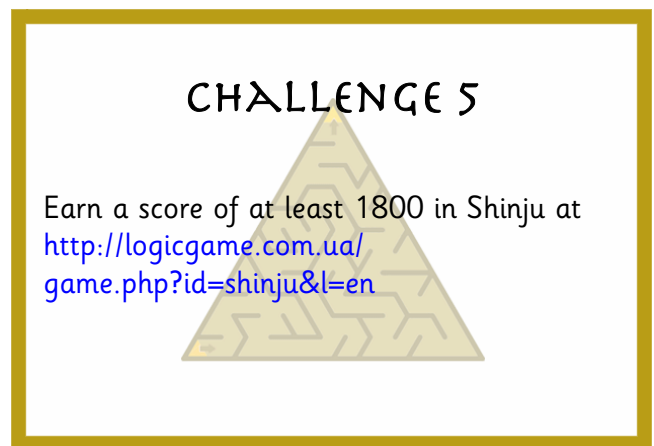
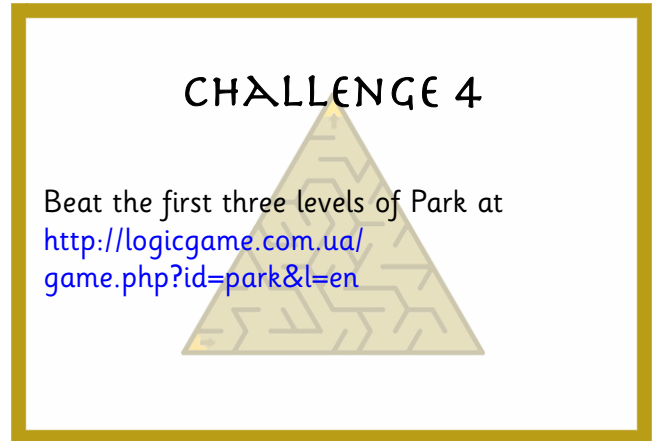
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Back Side



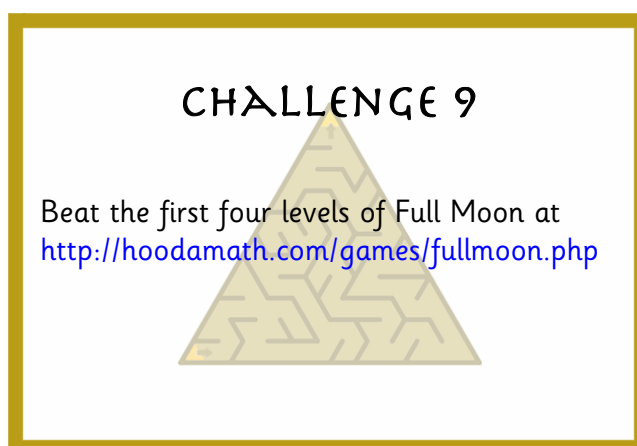
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Back Side



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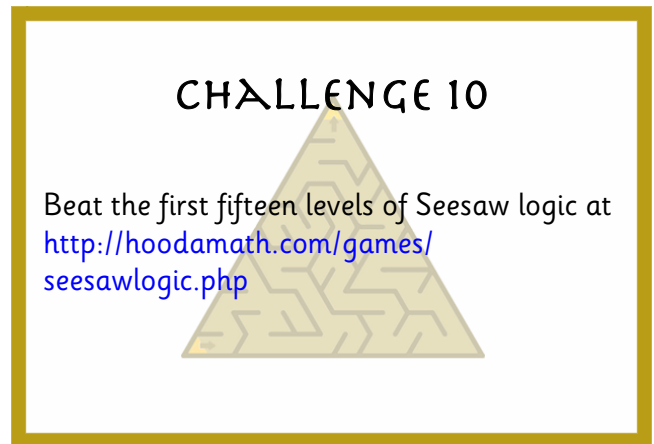




Back Side



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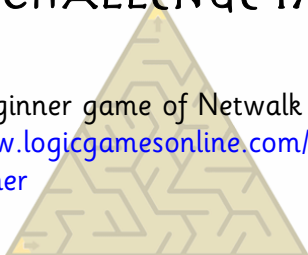
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Beat the first game of Sudoku at  
<http://www.logicgamesonline.com/sudoku/>



**CHALLENGE 17**

Beat a beginner game of Netwalk at  
<http://www.logicgamesonline.com/netwalk/?g=Beginner>



**CHALLENGE 18**

Beat the first 7 levels of Paradoxian Express at  
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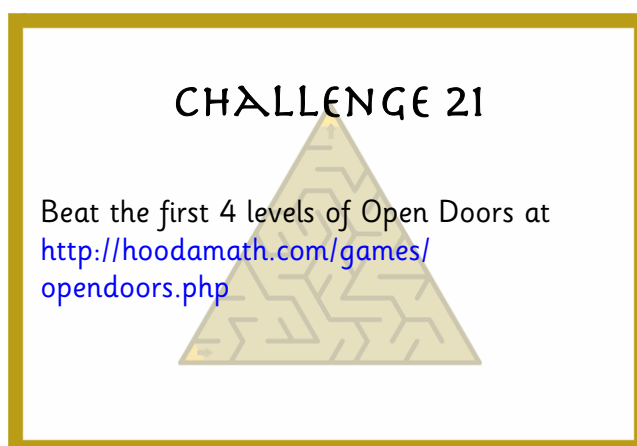




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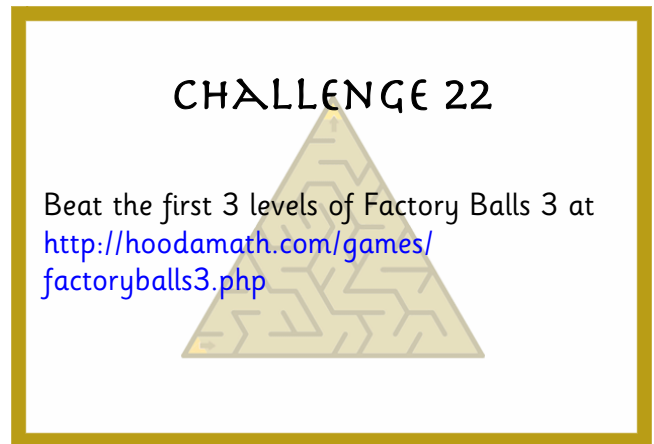
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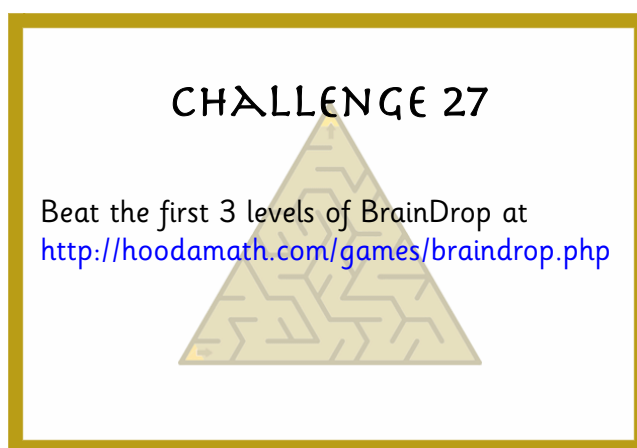
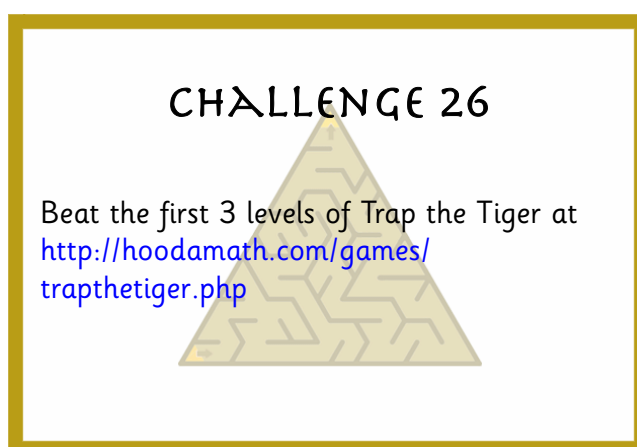
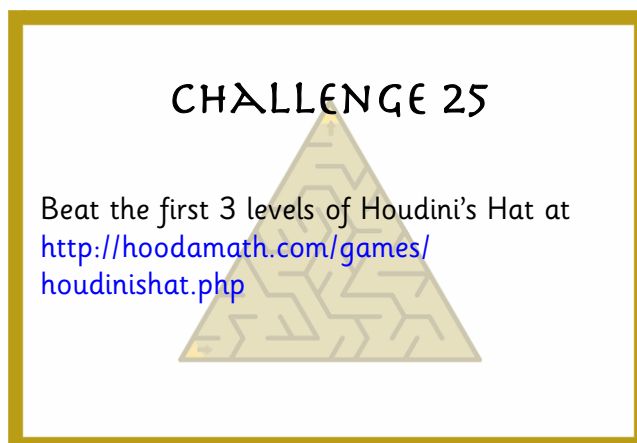
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