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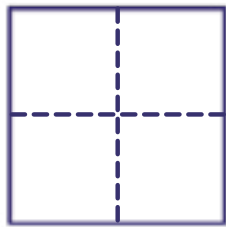
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CREATE YOUR OWN PROPHECY MAKER



In *Alex and the Alpacas Save the World*, Alex learns about an ancient prophecy that changes her life. Prophecies determine the future, and they're usually pretty good things, like: 'You are destined for greatness' or 'You will invent the world's best sandwich'. Write down eight of your own prophecies to use in your prophecy maker. Keep them short and to the point.



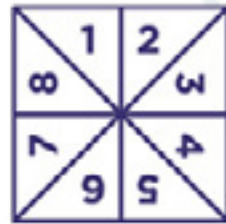
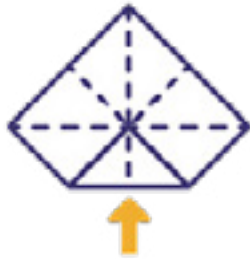
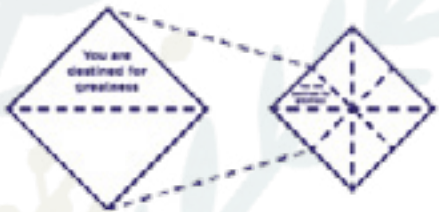
1. Take a square piece of blank paper.

2. Fold it in half and then in half again. Open the paper.

3. Make another two folds diagonally, corner to corner. Open the paper.

4. Fold a corner into the centre point.

5. Repeat for all the other corners. Turn the paper over.



6. Now write each of your 8 prophecies in the triangular sections.

7. Now fold up the bottom tip to meet the centre point.

8. Repeat step 7 for all the corners, then number each triangle 1 to 8.

9. Turn the paper over and write the name of an animal in each square flap.

10. Now, lift up the flaps and fit your forefingers and thumbs into the prophecy maker. It's time to start telling prophecies!

HOW TO TELL A PROPHECY

- Pick an animal from the outside of the prophecy maker and spell its name as you move your fingers in and out (e.g., if you have 'alpaca' then move the prophecy maker six times: A-L-P-A-C-A).
- Next, pick a number from the inside and move your fingers in and out that number of times (e.g., if you pick 3, you move your fingers — you guessed it — three times).
- Pick another number from the selection you've landed on, and open the flap.
- This is your prophecy!



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DESIGN YOUR OWN MENU

In *Little Jiang*, Mei designs a menu to promote her family's restaurant, The Augusta Moon. If you had your own restaurant, what food would you serve? Design your own menu to promote your restaurant and your dishes to potential customer by following these simple steps. 1) name your restaurant; 2) describe the type of cuisine you'll serve; 3) outline the starter, main and dessert that you will serve to your customer; 4) design your logo.

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1.

2.

3. **STARTER:**

MAIN:

DESSERT:



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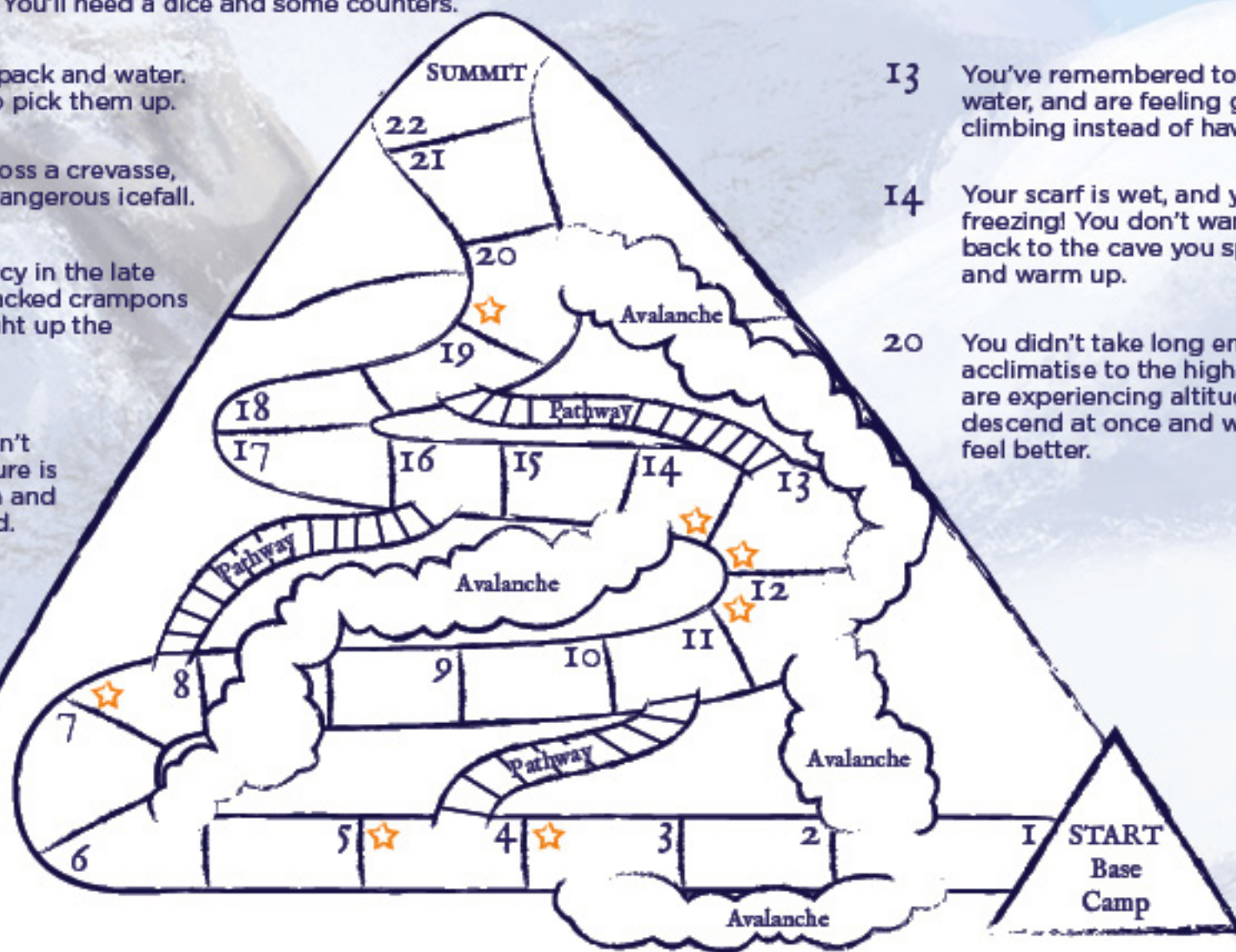


Conquer Dragon Mountain!

In the Lost Stone of SkyCity, Sunaya and Praseep have to find their way up Dragon Mountain in order to save Danam from having to complete the deadly Dragon Tests. Thanks to their powers they can climb up there themselves, but what would you need as a mere mortal to get to the top of a mountain like this. You'll need a dice and some counters.

- 3 You forgot your food pack and water. Go back two places to pick them up.
- 4 You use a ladder to cross a crevasse, getting you out of a dangerous icefall.
- 8 The snow has turned icy in the late sun, but luckily you packed crampons and rope! Climb straight up the ridgeline.
- I2 A blizzard suddenly surrounds you, you can't see and the temperature is plummeting! Go down and wait until it has passed.

- I3 You've remembered to drink lots of water, and are feeling great. Keep climbing instead of having to rest.
- I4 Your scarf is wet, and your nose is freezing! You don't want frostbite! Go back to the cave you spotted earlier, and warm up.
- 20 You didn't take long enough to acclimatise to the high altitude and are experiencing altitude sickness - descend at once and wait until you feel better.



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