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**Level 2 – 3rd December, 2019**

## **World champ Go master quits as AI is too good**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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A world champion retired because he decided humans cannot beat computers at the game of Go. His name is Lee Se-Dol from South Korea. Mr Lee is the only person in the world to ever beat Google's AlphaGo computer algorithm. This is a special A.I. computer program created to play Go. Mr Lee, an 18-time world champion, told reporters that: "Even if I become the number one, there is an entity that cannot be defeated. With the debut of A.I. in Go games, I've realized that I'm not at the top." Some people compare Go to chess.

Go originated in China 3,000 years ago. Today, it is played in 75 different countries. It is the oldest board game in the world. The International Go Federation said over 46 million people worldwide knew how to play it. Mr Lee started playing at the age of five and turned professional when he was 12. He played five games against Google's AlphaGo and lost four of them. He said his only victory was because of a "bug". The bug did not know what to do when Mr Lee made a "tricky" move. Today's Go programs are much more powerful than the one that beat Mr Lee.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191203-go-grand-champion-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A world                    | a. number one       |
| 2. humans cannot beat         | b. world champion   |
| 3. This is a special A.I.     | c. Go to chess      |
| 4. an 18-time                 | d. Go games         |
| 5. Even if I become the       | e. at the top       |
| 6. With the debut of A.I. in  | f. champion retired |
| 7. I've realized that I'm not | g. computer program |
| 8. Some people compare        | h. computers        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Go originated                | a. Mr Lee             |
| 2. the oldest board             | b. move               |
| 3. 46 million people            | c. professional       |
| 4. turned                       | d. more powerful      |
| 5. his only victory was         | e. in China           |
| 6. Mr Lee made a "tricky"       | f. game in the world  |
| 7. Today's Go programs are much | g. because of a "bug" |
| 8. the one that beat            | h. worldwide          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Go (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 3,000 years ago. Today, it is played in 75 different countries. It is the oldest (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. The International Go Federation said over 46 million people worldwide (9) \_\_\_\_\_ play it. Mr Lee started playing at (10) \_\_\_\_\_ five and turned professional when he was 12. He played five games against Google's AlphaGo (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of them. He said his only victory was because of a "bug". The bug did not know what to do when Mr Lee made a "tricky" move. Today's Go programs are much more powerful than (12) \_\_\_\_\_ beat Mr Lee.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BOARD GAMES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191203-go-grand-champion-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about board games in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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Write about **board games** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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