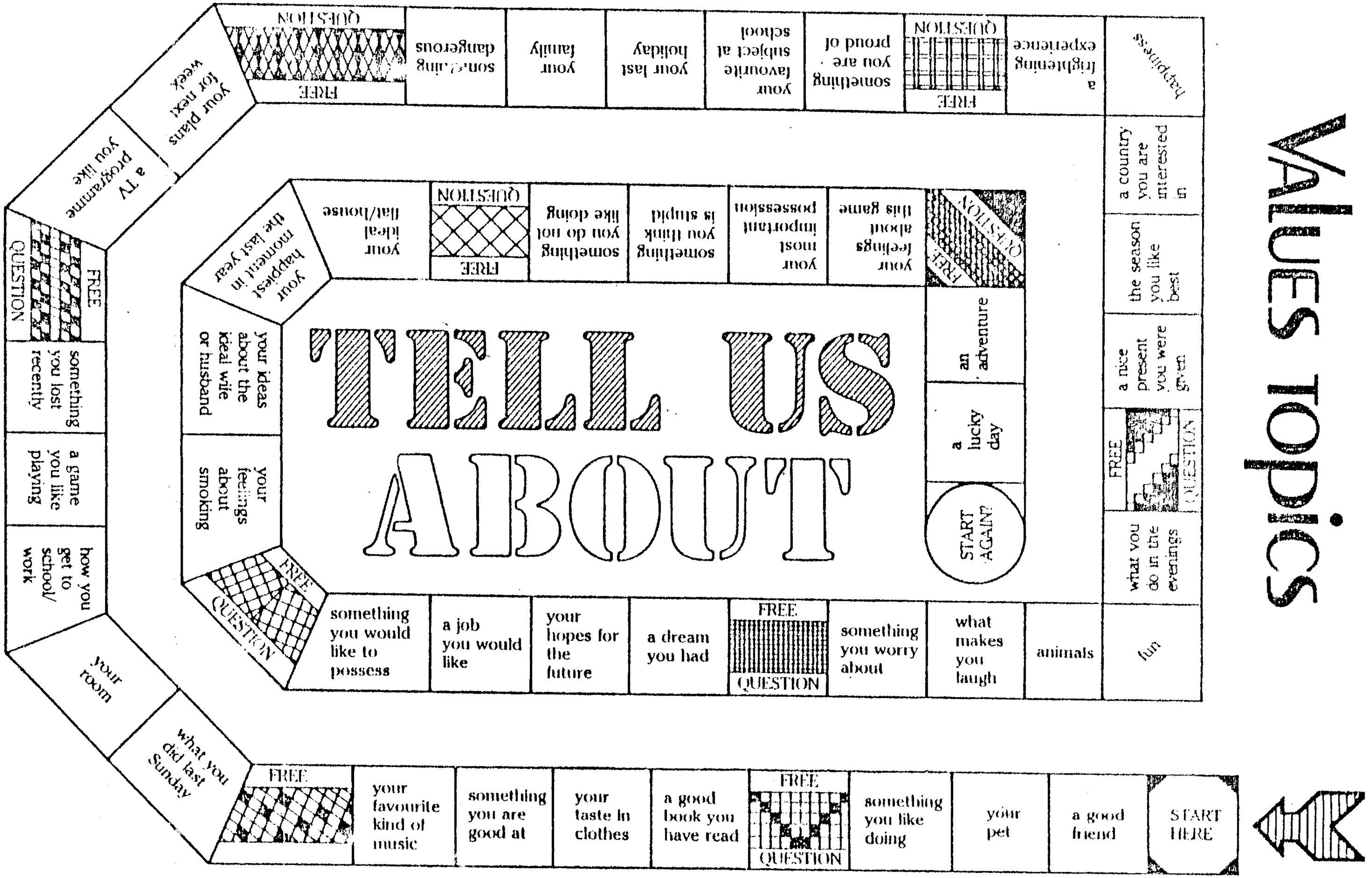VALUES TOPICS