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World champ Go master quits as AI is too good

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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An 18-time world champion, Lee Se-Dol, retired because humans cannot beat computers at Go. Mr Lee is the only person to beat Google's AlphaGo. This is a computer program that plays Go. Mr Lee said: "Even if I become the number one, there is [something] that cannot be defeated."

Go started in China 3,000 years ago. Today, 46 million people play it in 75 countries. Mr Lee started playing at the age of five. He turned professional when he was 12. He won just one game against AlphaGo. He said it was because of a "bug" in the computer program. Today's Go programs are more powerful than AlphaGo.

Sources: <https://japantoday.com/category/tech/go-grandmaster-says-computers-cannot-be-defeated>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/nov/27/go-game-master-quits-saying-machines-cannot-be-defeated>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. An 18-time | a. person |
| 2. humans cannot | b. something |
| 3. the only | c. be defeated |
| 4. beat Google's | d. beat computers |
| 5. a computer | e. world champion |
| 6. Even if I become | f. the number one |
| 7. there is | g. AlphaGo |
| 8. cannot | h. program |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Go started in China | a. one game |
| 2. people play it | b. the age of five |
| 3. Mr Lee started playing at | c. program |
| 4. He turned professional | d. in 75 countries |
| 5. He won just | e. than AlphaGo |
| 6. He said it was because | f. when he was 12 |
| 7. computer | g. 3,000 years ago |
| 8. more powerful | h. of a "bug" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An 18- (1) _____, Lee Se-Dol, retired because
(2) _____ computers at Go. Mr Lee
(3) _____ person to beat Google's AlphaGo. This
is (4) _____ that plays Go. Mr Lee said:
"(5) _____ become the number one, there is
[something] that (6) _____."

Go (7) _____ 3,000 years ago. Today, 46 million
(8) _____ in 75 countries. Mr Lee started playing
at the (9) _____. He turned professional when he
was 12. (10) _____ one game against AlphaGo.
He said it was because (11) _____ in the
computer program. Today's Go programs are
(12) _____ AlphaGo.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BOARD GAMES SURVEY

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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.
