



AN ULTIMATE GUIDE TO BECOME A FOB

CLAIM

FOB consists of two players. The game is a simulation of the lives of non U.S. citizens who have come to the United States despite English not being their first language. The game exposes multiple problems that the non U.S. citizens face in life and the reconstruction of self identity. As they left their home countries and everything they were familiar with to live in a new country alone, these people have to make some decisions and compromises when faced with certain situations. While some of the problems are solvable, some of them are just the reality one has to face if they wish to stay. The game's goal is to enable the players to experience what it is like to live in the United States as someone who does not natively belong to this land.

GAME ELEMENTS



Game boards X 2



American tokens X 30



Fobby tokens X 30



Alter ego X 2



Speaking cards X 9



Language test cards X 9



Job cards X 3



1000 X 14



500 X 22

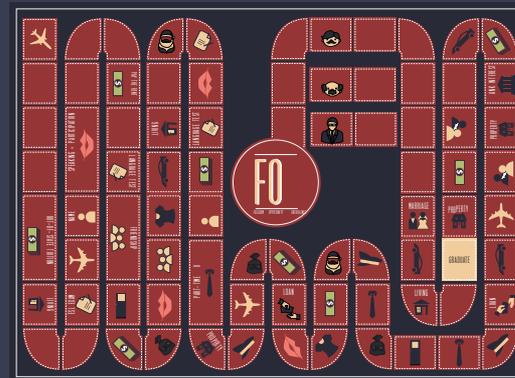


100 X 22

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the game is to survive till the end of the game and become a successful fob.

SET UP



1. Place the game boards and cards as shown above.
2. Each player starts with.



Fobby tokens X 5



500 X 8



100 X 10



1000 X 5

3. Place the alter egos on  on the upper left corner.

STARTING THE GAME

1. Choose a name from the list below. It will be your name. During the game when one player talks to or mention another player, call him/her by the new name

HÔNG LÃNG	AOI	BARTOLOMÉ	TETSUYA
RUÌ CONG	NORIKO	DIÓGENES	TAKASHI
ZI MÒ	SADAKO	SÓCRATES	KIYOSHI
ZHÉ SHÈNG	UMEKO	ZACARÍAS	SHIGERU

2. Take turns rolling one die. Move forward according to the number shows up.
3. The player cannot pass the long rectangles  and the graduate square . Stays in the rectangles even if the player rolls a higher number.
4. Every time a player lands on a square with an illustration, refer to the chart provided in this manual for its meaning. Make decision according to the statements provided. Do not look at the solution before deciding. One cannot change one's decision after looking at the solution.
5. After making the decisions, refer to the solution page for instructions. Adjust the American tokens and fobby tokens accordingly.
6. If the player lands on the square that he/she previously landed on, the player has the second chance to change his/her decisions. Yet, the money would not come back even if one changes his/her decisions.
7. A player loses when he/she is eliminated from

the game, unable to complete a payment, or fails to complete the task in the given time.

GRADUATE PHASE

****DO NOT READ THIS SECTION BEFORE YOU GET TO THE SQUARE.**

Now you graduated from the school. While some people would take a break between school and work, this is not something non-citizen can do if they want to stay in the U.S. in the future.

Your task at this phase is **to find a job within a limited time.**

If you are loan-free, find a job within five turns.
If you have loan, find a job within four turns.

Move to either square that has a job name on it. When the player lands on the square, flip the card and read the job description and requirement on the back of the job. If the player is qualified for a job term, the player gets the job. If not, move on to the next job provided.

In the situation that the player is not qualified for any of the jobs or the player runs out of time, the player loses.



SPECIAL CONDITION BOARD

IN THIS SECTION, MOVE FORWARD ONE SPACE PER TURN.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE

Bring your visa along with your passport: Use your mobile device to find out which visa does a non-citizen student have.

Permit Exam: You took the permit exam in a different language and failed because you found that the language was badly translated. Move back one space.

Driving Test: Recall three California traffic rules.

Pay: Pay for the test fee \$ 200.

Driver's License: After landing on this square, pass the next turn.

Car insurance: Pay \$1000 for the insurance. Then, move you character back to the main game board where the character was.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Proof of Identity-School ID: Put The Player's school IS on the table.

Proof of Age-U.S. Passport: Stand up and say the following statement:

My name is (the name you chose). I am ____ years old. I was born in _____.

Sit down after you finish the statement.

Proof of citizenship- U.S. Birth certificate: In order to apply for a social security number, the applicant needs to have U.S. passport and U.S. birth certificate, which means, non-citizens are not allowed to obtain SSN themselves.

Social Security number: While you cannot get a social security number, move your character back to where the character was.

Part-time Job

Research job opportunity: As a lot of jobs are reserved for U.S. citizens, non-citizens have to compete for the limited job opportunities that accept foreigners. Take turn rolls the die, the player who rolls a three wins \$100.

Obtain a social security number: Move the character to the social security section.

You need to be a citizen in order to work: If you cannot obtain a social security number, you cannot work in the U.S.

Would you consider an illegal job?: Now you know you cannot find a legal job in the U.S. However, there is also illegal job that can get you money. Would you consider going for an illegal job instead?

YES

An illegal job pays \$400 for your expenses for living in the U.S. You really need money at this point and you will probably not get caught.

NO

It is too risky to get an illegal job. If the police finds out, the consequences would be really bad.

ICONOGRAPHY

OUT-OF-STATE TUITION



▶ Pay \$1,500

LIVING



▶ Where do you live?



P You don't need to worry about cleaning and food. The environment is safe and you are surrounded by students from everywhere. It helps you stay close to what is happening on campus.

C You only meet people who go to the same school as you. It becomes easy to depend on other people to take care of you and your living. It is also more expensive.



P You have to be responsible for yourself. You become more independent person as you have to manage your life and any unexpected situation. It is also cheaper.

C You need to find someone to live with while avoiding choosing someone you cannot stand to live with. You need to pay extra deposit since you don't have credit history in the U.S.

NAME



▶ Do you want to adopt an English name?



P It is the name that you are familiar with and your friends and relatives all call you with this name. This name represents you and is something you grew up with.

C People see you as a foreigner when they see your name. Using your original name automatically separates yourself from the native people.



P It is easier for other people to remember you. An English name shows your adaptation to the environment around you.

C As you change your name, you lose part of your self-identity. You introduce yourself as the person with the new name and erase your originality.

SPEAKING



▶ Draw a speaking card. Stand up and read the sentence on the card out loud that everyone in the room can hear it.

FRIENDSHIP



▶ MAJOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS

P Other people see you as one of them and through them you have more chances to meet other English speakers. Making friends with them would help you create an identity that shows your assimilation to the American culture.

C Grew up in the different cultures, you share less topics with them and the life style is different. It is hard to use a language that you are not familiar with to really communicate your thoughts and emotions.

▶ 1ST LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

P You share the same culture and background. You often find mutual interests and memory within each other. It is also more comfortable to use your mother tongue to talk about your feelings. You feel familiar with people speaking the same language

C People label you as a "foreign language speaker" and will not come talk to you first. When you are speaking your language with others in public, people will stare at you and you will be isolated as a person different from other people.

DRESSING STYLE



▶ Do you want to adopt an American style of dress?

▶ DRESS LIKE AN AMERICAN

P Dressing in American style clothes can avoid people labeling you as a foreigner and more life one of them when they first see you. It is easy to derive people "recognition" when they first see you.

C You have never wore American style clothes throughout your entire life and you do not feel comfortable wearing them.

▶ DRESS LIKE YOURSELF

P It feels better to wear clothes that you are used to wearing. You feel like yourself when you wear them.

C Your clothes seem absurd to other people. People see you as foreigner when they see what you are wearing, and you immediately become a foreigner in people's minds.

LONELY HOLIDAY



Now it is time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. While all the people go home to stay with the family, you are in America alone with yourself. Another player goes to take a five minutes break while the player stays at the table. Do not talk to other people.

PART-TIME JOB



You are given a chance to get a part-time job. A part-time job can get you extra money to pay for you expenses in the U.S. If you want it. Move the alter ego to the start sign where is marked part-time job.

LOCKED DOWN



If you choose to live in the dorm, it is winter break and the dorm is locked down. Choose either to stay in the hotel or get a ticket and fly back to your homeland.

WHAT!



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People and teachers always cannot remember how to pronounce your name correctly. Do you want to change your name to English now? If yes, choose an English name that is not someone you know.

LANGUAGE TEST



Draw a language card. Write down the original sentence on a piece of paper.

FLIGHT



There is an opportunity for you to travel back to your hometown and have a family reunion and hang out with friends. Yet in return, you have to spend money buying tickets and travel for more than 10 hours in order to go back. Make your decision.

MOTOR VEHICLE



Do you want to buy a car?

YES

Having a car helps to get a job as a lot of jobs list the ability to drive as a preference. Also, while not many people you know have cars, having a car gives you mobility to go to farther places. If yes, move the alter ego to the "start" sign of the driver's license section on the special condition board.

NO

You have to pass the driving exam and buy a car. All of them requires time and money.

PAY SALES TAX



Pay 10 % of sales tax everytime you purchase even though you know tax you paid does not benefit you as a non-citizen. Roll the die and multiple the number by 100. It would be the amount you have to pay.

COP



The cop finds you! If you chose to have an illegal job and land on this square, you are discovered and deported. You are now eliminated from the game.

INVESTMENT



Do you want to own a property in the U.S.?

YES

Investing a great amount of money in the U.S. helps you become a citizen of the country. It is a way around to make you a citizen though you are not born in the U.S.

NO

You have to spend a great for fortune first. After that you still have to pass the naturalization test and stay in the U.S. at least 3 years within the next 5 years. It takes time and money until you can really get your citizenship.

PAY THE RENT



Dorm: Pay \$1200
Apartment: Pay \$700

VOLUNTEERING



It is non-paid but you can contribute to the cultural enrichment of the society. Volunteering might be good at finding jobs later on.

BANK INTEREST



You save your money in the bank and it is time to get interests from them. Calculate 0.5% of the money you have now. It would be your interest. However, Because you are not a citizen. You will be charged tax for being a foreigner. Subtract 0.1% from the interest you should have.

MARRIAGE



Get married?

YES

If you can marry an U.S. citizen, you will be qualified to stay in the U.S. for the long term. You don't have much choice if you want to stay in the U.S.

NO

Do you feel ready to get married right after you graduate? Are you sure you can endure setting down at such a young age? Would your parents be find with you marrying a foreigner? If you are staying in the U.S. for the long term? Who is going to take care of your parents? Theses are all the problems you migh encounter if you marry a U.S. citizen.

LOAN



Do you want to load?

YES

Loan gets you money through legal ways.

NO

Loan increases your financial pressure in finding a job after you graduate. If you fail to get a job, the loan becomes a debt that you have to live with for the rest of your life until you pay it off.

SOLUTIONS



DORM - 1 + 2
 - \$ 1200

APT - 1 + 0
 - \$ 700 - Credit Deposit (once) \$500



ORIGINAL + 3 - 3

ENGLISH - 3 + 3



MAJOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS - 5 + 5

1ST LANGUAGE SPEAKERS + 5 - 5



DRESS LIKE AN AMERICAN - 2 + 4
 - \$ 200

DRESS LIKE YOURSELF - 0 + 0



YES + \$ 400 Move the alter ego to the part-time job section marked "start" on the special condition board.

NO + \$ 0



YES - \$ 1000 Pass two turns.

NO - \$ 0



STAY AT HOTEL

Person -2 Person +2

Money -\$ 1000

GO HOME

Person +2 Person -2

Money -\$ 1200



YES

Person -0 Person +2

Money -\$ 3000

Move the alter ego to the DMV section marked "start" on the special condition board.

NO

Person -0 Person +0

Money -\$ 3000



YES

Person -0 Person +2

Money -\$ 7000

If you land on a square that requires paying tuition, pay \$500 instead of \$1500.

NO

Person -0 Person +0

Money -\$ 0



YES

Money + \$ 3000

NO

Money + \$ 0



YES

Person +3 Person +3

NO

Person +0 Person +0



YES

Person -5 Person +5

NO

Person -0 Person +0

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