

MaDD Training Academy – Level Five Blue Activities

0045	I can solve ten quiz questions about chess - How many squares are there on a chessboard? 64 - How many pieces does each side have at the start of a game? 16 - How many knights are on the board at the start of a game? 4 (Try to do this without looking at the board) – Name the four squares that the bishops are placed on at the start of the game c1 – f1 – c8 – f8 - Fill in the missing number: at the start of the game, White has a choice of ____ different moves 20 - Fill in the missing number: after White makes their first move, Black has a choice of ____ different moves 20 - At the start of a game, how many squares on the chessboard are empty? 32 (Try to do this without looking at the board) – if your knight is on the square a1, which two squares could it move to? b3 – c2 (Try to do this without looking at the board) – if your queen is on a8 and the rest of the board is empty, how many different squares could it move to? 21 - Imagine the board is set up for a game. I will say four squares – I want you to say which piece (and which colour) is on that square: - a1 = White rook - d2 = White pawn - f8 = Black bishop - b7 = Black pawn
0046	I know the rules about leaving the table during a game There are three main rules: - It is fine to leave the table during a game, but this is only allowed during your opponent's turn (so for example, if you need the bathroom, make your move and then leave the table) - Some players in the past have cheated by leaving the table, then using their phone to find the best move to make – this is forbidden, and you would be disqualified. (For people who have a phone, it should be switched off during a game) - It is also forbidden to discuss your game with somebody else in the room if you leave the table
0047	I can explain the first 3 moves of the Italian Game The Italian Game is another opening that is centuries old and commonly played – the first moves are: - e4 e5 - Nf3 Nc6 - Bc4 Black can do several things on move 3. The most common replies are 3...Bc5 or 3...Nf6
0048	I can explain what opposition means, and how to use it in a king and pawn vs lone king endgame This will be best explained by somebody at the club, if you are not sure yourself. We will send a good YouTube video for them to watch beforehand, and then cover this at club night

0049

I can describe four different ways in which a game can end in a draw

There are 5 common ways of the game ending in a draw:

1. Stalemate – the king is safe, but can't move, and no other pieces of his army can move either
2. Threefold repetition – both players have made the same moves three times
3. The 50 move rule – if 50 moves have been made in which no pawns moved, and no pieces were captured, the game is declared a draw
4. Insufficient material – if the only pieces left on the board cannot deliver a checkmate (for example a White king, White knight and a Black king), the game is declared a draw
5. Draw by agreement – if one player offers a draw, and the other accepts, the game is drawn