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Just the phrase

just

Team A →

Team B ↓

1 It's not his fault, he's just a baby.

2 The last one I tried was too small, but this one's right.

3 Mmm! This cake is delicious! Can you give me the recipe?

4 Turn right just after you pass the post office.

5 If you wait here a moment, Mrs Sullivan will be with you shortly.

6 Don't be scared, it's the sound of the trees.

7 Sorry, you've missed Paula – she's on her way now.

8 Could I ask you a quick favour?

9 Hi Jo! What a coincidence, I've seen your brother.

10 Hmm, cream on top – the way I like it.

11 I'm late and now it's raining. This is perfect!

12 This new law is typical of the government.

13 Can I take your name and phone number, and I'll ask him to call you back.

14 We got home after midnight last night.

15 If you stay with us when you visit, then you'll have to pay for your flights.

16 Jake has got the right skills for this job. Let's hire him.

Uses of just

- A only
- B exactly
- C a short time (before or after)
- D for emphasis
- E with polite phrases

Instructions and Answer Key

You will need: one worksheet per student

- Divide students into groups of four, and form two teams of two students within each group.
- Explain that the object of the game is to connect opposite sides of the grid (left and right for team A, and top and bottom for team B). Teams work their way around the board and the other team's line in order to reach the other side. The first team to do so wins the game.
- Each team takes it in turns to choose a hexagon, and tries to 'capture' it. In order to capture a hexagon, the students must first add *just* to the right place in the sentence. Then, they need to say which of the uses (A–E) of *just* it is. If they are correct, they win the hexagon. If not, then the other team has a chance to capture it before taking their turn.
- Monitor and help, adjudicating where necessary.

ANSWER KEY

- 1 It's not his fault, he's (just) a baby. A
- 2 The last one I tried was too small, but this one's just right. B
- 3 Mmm! This cake is just delicious! Can you give me the recipe? D /
Mmm! This cake is delicious! Can you just give me the recipe? E
- 4 Turn right just after you pass the post office. C
- 5 If you (just) wait here (just) a moment, Mrs Sullivan will be with you shortly. E
- 6 Don't be scared, it's just the sound of the trees. A
- 7 Sorry, you've just missed Paula – she's on her way now. C
- 8 Could I just ask you a quick favour? E
- 9 Hi Jo! What a coincidence, I've just seen your brother! C
- 10 Hmm, cream on top – just the way I like it. B /
Hmm, just cream on top – the way I like it. A
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- 16 Jake has got just the right skills for this job. Let's hire him. B