



Tutorial to create your ALEA games

The following tutorial concerns games carrying « idiomatic expression » cards and “answer” cards such as **Arc-en-Ciel & Clowneries**.

Three steps to make your game after downloading:

Step 1: printing

Step 2: cutting

Step 3: storing

STEP 1: PRINTING



Material: printer + strong white paper (or color paper, see below).

Print the game rules on normal A4 size paper. It is better to print the board game and cards on strong paper (bristol sheets).

Print the « expression » cards in color:

Print on strong white paper

or print the « expression » cards in black and white:

In order to save color ink, print the game on strong color paper:

blue paper	for level A1
green paper	for level A2
orange paper	for level B1
red paper	for level B2
purple paper	for levels C1/C2

Printing the « answer » cards:

It is best to print on strong white paper. Print one set of cards for each player

Printing the game base (board, puzzle or individual board depending on the game):

We suggest you print this part on the strongest paper your printer can handle.

Board games usually have various formats: full A4 format holds on one sheet; double format requires assembling both parts to have a larger board game.

The dialogue box of your printer (Ctrl + P) also allows for various printing options for you to print at the size you desire.

Printing pawns (for games with pawns):

Print on strong white paper. One set of pawns is enough per game.

STEP 2: CUTTING



Material: paper cutter, scissors, glue or tape.

Students can help at this point, especially if your class is large and you need to print many games.

Ateliers-ALEA games are usually intended for groups of 2 to 6 players.

Cutting the cards:

Use the paper cutter along the dotted lines of the cards.

Option: with scissors cut the top right hand corner if you intend to also use the game for solitary practice of French (see rules for each game)

Cutting the main board:

Normal format board game: you can cut the board on its sides or use the printed sheet as it is with no cutting.

Double format board game: cut the two-page spread on their sides and adjust them together by gluing them onto another sheet of paper.

Option: paste onto cardboard (such as an old calendar)

Puzzle: cut with the paper cutter along the dotted lines.

Individual boards: leave as such on each sheet or cut along the sides of the illustration.

Cutting the pawns:

Use scissors to cut the edges of the pawns and fold each side. Finish by gluing or taping the gray part onto the inside of the pawn.

STEP 3: STORING



Suggested material: small box, rubber bands, scissors and glue.

We suggest you use rubber bands to group cards of the same level into a box along with the pawns.

You can print the front illustration of the game and adjust it on the top of the box.

Some people make very elaborate boxes, other prefer quick and simple. Some players make folding boards using fabric behind the board game so that it can fold easily. Others have a blown up print of the board game in black and white or color. It's possible to use your existing pawns or have students write their name or color an eraser to play. Options are plenty and you should use your own imagination to use these games the way you like.