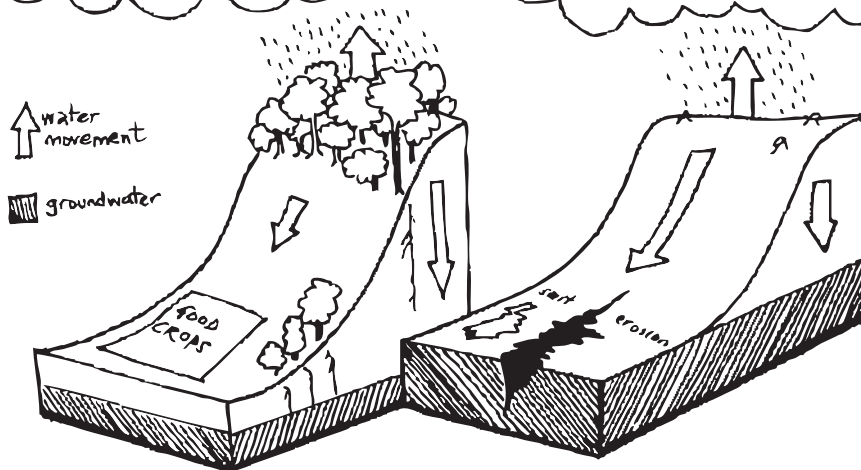


SAVE OUR SOIL

Kim has noticed that the soil in some areas has become waterlogged and some bare patches of ground with a white crust around it have recently appeared. Kim has also noticed that there are a few unhealthy and dead trees in low-lying areas.

Kim thinks back to how it used to be many years ago, with forests adorning the hilltops and healthy crops down in the valley. The soil was never waterlogged there before. The huge trees would tap their roots deep into the earth, drawing up water from far below.

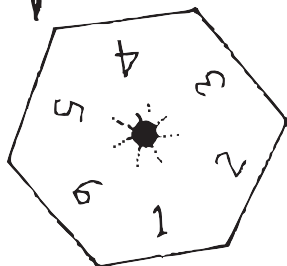
Then Kim remembered that the trees were cut down to make way for more crops, but they were not planted. First there was drought, then rains came and washed the soil away. The water underground rose closer to the surface with no trees to draw on it. The water brought with it salts from deep in the earth, laid down in ancient times.



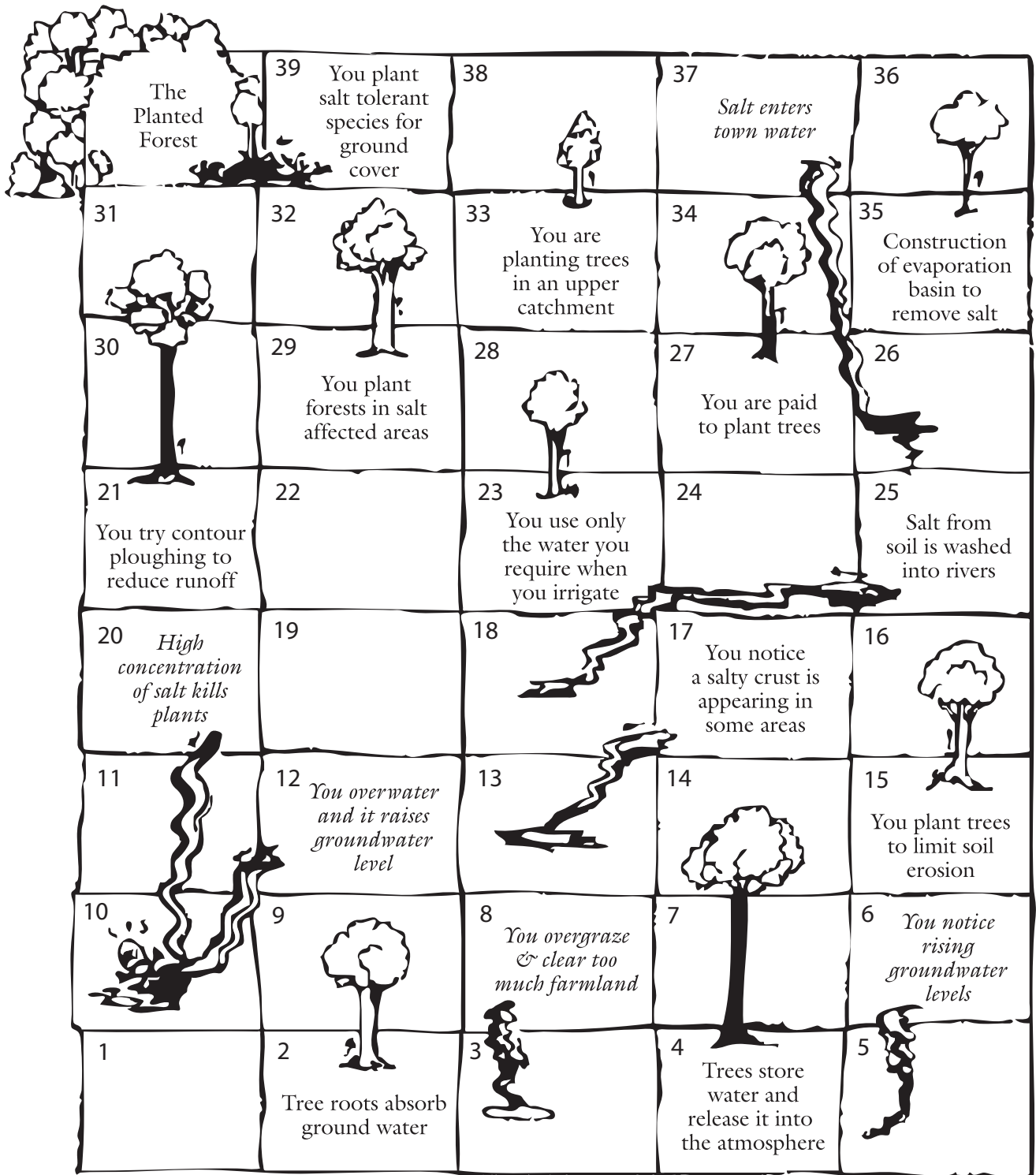
Help Kim to Save our Soil

Go on an adventure with Kim to save the soil from dryland salinity. If you land on tree roots, then you are drawn to the top, just like fresh water and continue your journey. However, if you fail to recognise a problem then you are washed backwards in a toxic trickle.

To start play, spin the dial. The player with the highest number goes first. Players continue having turns in a clockwise direction. The first player to reach the planted forest is the first to save our soil.



Photocopy the dial & markers, paste the cardboard and cut out ready for use, otherwise use a dice and buttons.



The Saline Solution

Forests NSW is working with landowners to establish newly planted forest, especially in upper catchment areas

