

James: Hello, James here. Today I'll be ranking words with my new friend, Paul.

Paul: Thank you for having me.

James: Still suck at chess?

Paul: Oh, I always suck chess, always suck at chess...

James: If you want a tip, the rooks only travel straight, but they can go as far as you like.

Paul: Oh, REALLY?

James: Cool, isn't it? It opens up a world of possibilities...

Paul: Thanks, man.

James: No problem. Now let's get ranking!

Paul: Can I rank words as well, or is just you?

James: Just me.

Paul: Why?

James: You're better at chess than me and you want to take over word rankings as well?

Paul: Well, no, that's not what I want at all...

James: You've got really smug since I told you the rook technique.

Paul: But I don't know how to get checkmates!

James: Neither do I!

Paul: Fine.

Jame: Thank you! In last place is...

**12th: End**

James: That's a dark word, isn't it?

Paul: ...

James: You can reply to my comments. Just don't rank anything.

Paul: Oh. The word suggests death.

James: Exactly my thinking. And of course we don't believe in the end of chess games as neither of us know how to win.

Paul: And that's fine!

### **11th: Modernize**

James: Technology isn't as bad as dying, of course it isn't, but me updating my mobile phone number because the old one was discontinued? That was ALMOST as bad as dying. As was my computer breaking a few months ago.

Paul: Wow...

James: Lesson of the day: Use your mobile phone or the number will be discontinued.

Paul: You didn't use your mobile in six months?

James: No, nine. Well I tried to use my phone in nine months, but it wouldn't let me.

Paul: It's all over now though?

James: Yep, that is most definitely never happening again.

### **10th: Judge**

James: Scary people. I mean I've committed SO many crimes...

Paul: On the plus side, you've admitted to all of them, so a judge should go easier on you.

James: Unless the judge is Dan. That would be a nightmare.

Paul: I don't think he has any qualifications...

James: Me neither. But I'm keeping a watch on the local law school...

Paul: You're scaring me!

James: Do you think I'm scaring Dan?

Paul: I don't think so. Didn't he give you a present the one time? That's not the behaviour of someone who is scared...

James: Oh you heard about that?

Paul: Yes...

James: And do you know why you heard about that?

Paul: No...

James: The present ticked, I got suspicious especially when Dan ran away, I threw the present at him and it blew up mid air. That's the kind of story that spreads.

Paul: I didn't know.

James: Yeah, Dan sucks.

### **9th: Mercy**

James: I'm still KINDA bitter about Dan.

Paul: Would you like to take that comment back, in the unlikely event Dan becomes a judge?

James: Nope.

Paul: But you still like mercy more than judges?

James: Well, I don't FEAR mercy...

Paul: That would be weird...

James: Yeah, I'd certainly be mentally ill.

Paul: I'm wondering how someone would get such a phobia...

James: Hanging around people who show mercy yet are simultaneously evil?

Paul: That doesn't make sense...

James: Explaining why no one has the phobia!

### **8th: Boom**

James: Argh!

Paul: I jumped, too.

James: Better than mercy, though. Mercy for Dan, I mean.

Paul: You liked the bomb Dan sent you more than Dan?

James: It was clearly well made...

Paul: You don't really mean that, do you?

James: It was more well made than Dan. He has very poor eyesight.

Paul: Still though.

James: ...

### **7th: Cast**

James: Most people would dislike witches casting spells more than judges, but I'm not most people.

Paul: You like witches AND bombs more than Dan?

James: To be fair though, what bad do witches do really? Let them keep their brooms, black cats and spells, they don't do anything.

Paul: Some people are allergic to cats.

James: You're suggesting witches find people who are allergic to cats and rub cats on them?

Paul: They might get frustrated when their spells don't work...

James: Well I've never heard of that happening.

Paul: Do you know much about witches?

James: Yes. Dan's a witch.

Paul: Can men be witches?

James: Ok, he's a warlock, or maybe a sorcerer.

Paul: Personally I'd be more scared of a sorcerer Dan than a judge Dan. He could turn you into duck!

James: He better not do that.

### **6th: Unlike**

James: Please don't unlike me.

Paul: For that to happen, someone would have to like you first.

James: I could like someone on Facebook and he'd like me back out of politeness.

Paul: Has that ever happened?

James: Close. I actually followed a guy called Miguel on Facebook by accident, but quickly unliked him. Whether he got an email signalling the like, I don't know. Just in case, I left a message on the site saying 'Sorry Miguel, I don't know who you are.'

Paul: Do you think he saw the message?

James: Maybe. A person who is probably from a different country adding you as a friend? You would be intrigued.

Paul: In a way you hope he got an email about the brief liking?

James: A funny story!

Paul: For once I agree with you.

James: No we agree about chess as well.

Paul: For twice I agree with you.

James: There you go.

### **5th: White**

James: A nice colour but the easiest colour to stain. No plans on eating a kebab or curry? Then it's completely fine!

Paul: Do you have any white clothes?

James: No, but I eat lots of the just mentioned foods.

Paul: Are you a messy eater?

James: Don't make me sound like a toddler, curries are very saucy and so are kebabs if you request chilli sauce.

Paul: I'm picturing you eating and sauce flying all over the place.

James: What can I say, sometime I get excited.

Paul: You're a speed eater?

James: Depends how good the food is.

Paul: Wow.

### **4th: Company**

James: Some company is good! You can be a bit annoying at times, but you are very smart. I think between us we can figure out how to move knights, and if we do that how many other chess piece are there to master, really?

Paul: Just a few!

James: I want to master the king...

Paul: That sounds good, he must be the most powerful piece by far!

James: Oh surely. A pro chess player would put the king in the middle of the board just to intimidate the enemy's other pieces.

Paul: Awesome. But James?

James: Yes?

Paul: Why is chess on our minds so much? I don't even understand myself!

James: Me neither!

### **3rd: Offer**

James: Most of the offers I get are bad, such as 'it's either plead insanity or go to prison'. But I live in hope.

Paul: And it's very easy for you to plead insanity.

James: Oh, very easy. If I say that schizophrenia is a gift, that alone would make me seem mad and not only that I feel lucky at the same time. It's just the perfect situation if I ever do plead insanity.

Paul: And you end up lovin' life in a mental home.

James: Which some say is better than prison!

Paul: But not all.

James: No, some say it's worse.

Paul: Well, you have a gift.

James: Yes!

### **2nd: See**

James: Oh you need to see.

Paul: You can pay chess blind if you practice hard enough...

James: No, if I was blind I'd be too depressed to play a game I don't understand.

Paul: Well, at least you value your eyes more now!

James: I guess. I sometimes think about how vulnerable people's eyes are. Not me though, I wear glasses. If you want to prod me in the eyes, you'll have to do it in my sleep. Or take my glasses off and then prod me.

Paul: Wow, you have schizophrenia and poor eyesight, too? THAT'S lucky.

James: Yep, I have an excellent excuse and a sturdy layer of protection.

Paul: Unless your glasses break. Then you'll have glass in your eyes.

James: Wow. Unbearable.

**1st: Alive**

James: And in first place is alive! Pretty common sense...

Paul: Yes, if you liked explosions, witches, people not liking you and white more than being alive, I would think you're even weirder than I do right now.

James: Well, it was nice getting together and good luck with the chess!

Paul: You move queens, too!

James: Yes, I heard about that. Split up the enemy's king and queen for too long and they die of loneliness. That's a more valid technique than attacking someone with a moving castle.

Paul: Agreed. Bye!

James: Byeeee!