

GAMBLING

Games Of Chance

May I engage in games of chance?

Games of chance (gambling, betting, lottery playing, etc.) are forbidden without exception, regardless of the probability of the outcome, because they are akin to trading in risk, where the possibility of reward rests on the likelihood of an event's occurrence without bearing an underlying relationship with an economic asset or service; additionally, games of chance incur riba because money (i.e. the amount gambled) is exchanged for money (i.e. the amount won), whether a small or large winning.

Forecasting

Is it permissible for an English language training company to grant special service discounts to individuals that offer correct forecasts on the results of football games?

Any benefit received, monetary or otherwise, such as in this case where a discount is offered, for correctly forecasting an outcome is considered gambling and impermissible.