

Megagames are like very large board-games, with elements of role-playing games and wargames rolled in. Megagames involve anything from 30 players to three or four hundred players. *Watch the Skies* (the game we are playing) has been played by groups, universities, and schools all over the UK as well as the USA, Sweden, Singapore, Canada, and Australia.

In a megagame everyone is playing in the same game - and in this megagame players are grouped into teams, each team playing one of eight real countries in the world, namely USA, UK, France, Russia, China, Japan, Brazil and India. And ... there is one mysterious team of *aliens from another world*.

The story behind the game is that we are in the real world of the year 2025, just a few years from now. In this game, the conspiracy theories about the existence of aliens and UFOs are in fact true - though the people of the world do not know that yet.

As the Governments of the world, deciding when to admit publicly to the world that aliens are real will be an important question for you all to discuss right from the start.

You, as the players, represent important government leaders, Prime Ministers, Presidents, Diplomats, Generals and Scientists. You will, during the game, have to deal with real world crises such as wars and earthquakes – BUT – at the same time deal with an increasing UFO menace without creating world-wide panic and terror.

In the game you will be making deals and treaties with other teams - trying to increase the wealth of our country and possibly even getting into conflicts using your Armies, Navies and Special Agents. The game is all about how you interact with the other teams.

The important thing each team will be trying to do will be to make sure their country is safe and secure and does well.

The game rules are not complicated and can be grasped very quickly, even if you're not familiar with board games - the designer of the game says:

