



These kinds of games are brilliant for developing language and are great for long journeys or while out for a walk.

### **I Spy**

Play the traditional 'I spy' game. "I spy with my little eye something beginning with ... (letter)

Variation Thinking hat. Word meaning clues are given rather than letters and the object does not need to be within sight. Say, "I put on my thinking hat and think of something that... grows on a tree." If incorrect give a second clue as well "It's not that. I put on my thinking hat and think of something that grows on a tree and begins with L"

### **I went shopping**

This game is good for developing memory, so is good for adults too. One person starts by saying, "I went shopping and I bought a ..." (names a food item). The second player says, "I went shopping and I bought ..." and repeats the first player's item before adding their own. The third player continues, saying the first two items before adding their own. And so on. See how many you can remember. A variation of this game is: "I went on holiday and I packed ..."

### **20 questions**

One person thinks of an object. Others try and guess what it is by asking questions. The original player can only answer yes, no or maybe. Give a clue if they are on the wrong track. Can they guess it in 20 questions?

### **What can it do?**

Pick one of the words below. Can you think of 5 things that it can do or that can be done with it? For example, tree: climb, chop, grow, fall down and absorb carbon dioxide.

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| apple     | baby      | ball      | bread          | chalk |
| giraffe   | leaf      | lion      | lollipop stick | paper |
| paperclip | pencil    | penguin   | rubber band    | stick |
| tree      | your foot | your hand | cat            | flour |
| flower    | hair      | water     | air            | spoon |

### **Word associations**

One player starts by saying a word. The next player says a word that is related to the first word. It can be related in any way. If another player cannot see how the words are related, he/she can challenge and the connection needs to be explained. Keep going until a word is repeated or a connection cannot be explained. Here's an example: Egypt - Mummy - Dad - beard - Santa Claus - Christmas - trees - leaves.

### **Audiobooks**

The library has lots of audiobooks to borrow. Audiobooks are great because they can help develop language without having to read fluently. Listen to an audiobook together and pause it to talk about it. What has happened? Who is your favourite character? What do you think they look like? What do you think will happen next?

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