



Frontenac County Schools Museum

OLD FASHIONED GAMES - LITERACY

These games require little to no materials – usually just paper, pencil, and your creativity! They are great options for small groups and families. They can also be used by teachers to play in the classroom (including virtually), and can easily be adapted to suit different grade levels.

The "B" Game

Each player is given a sheet with numbered questions (see list below for an example). The player writes the answer to the question on the sheet. The answer must consist of the letter "B" as the first letter in the word, followed by the number of letters needed to complete the definition.

Q: B and one letter, meaning to exist

A: Be

Q: B and two letters, forming a sack

A: Bag

Q: B and three letters, without hair

A: Bald

Q: B and three letters, a vegetable

A: Beet

Q: B and four letters, a tree

A: Birch

The game can be played to any letter and number of questions. It is a great brainstorming exercise for the person creating the questions, and the person answering them!

Opposites

The first player gives a word - for example, *hard* - and points to another player. The player must give a sentence using a word that has the opposite meaning (*for example*: A feather pillow is **soft**). That player now says a word and points to another player. The game continues.

Code Telegram

Arrange a paper for each player – it should be divided in five large columns of words, with one small column at the left for letters of the alphabet (see chart below for an example). In this left-hand column write five letters that spell a one-syllable word, such as C, H, E, S, T. At the top of each column write a name of a category/theme, (like *flower, city, car, animal, food*). The number of columns may vary, as well as the themes at the top (you can pick any theme that suits the age/interest of those you are playing with)!

	Flower	City	Car	Animal	Food
C	Carnation	Calgary	Cadillac	Camel	
H					
E				Elephant	Egg
S		San Francisco			
T					

The game consists of filling in the columns with words beginning with the letters listed in the left-hand column. You can set a time limit (i.e. 10 minutes), and after time is up one player can start reading the names they have written. If another player has the same word, no points are received by either player. For each word that appears on only one paper, that player receives one point. The player with the most points (i.e. the most unique words) wins.



I Took A Trip

This is an alphabet game for any number of players. The first player must start by saying that he or she took a trip to a place with an object starting with the letter *A* (*for example: I took a trip and brought with me an **apple***). Then the second player must continue the sentence and add an object beginning with the letter *B* (*for example: I took a trip and brought with me an **apple** and a **book***). The game continues until a player makes a mistake or they reach the letter *Z*.