

- The other children guess the weather from the child's actions.
- Continue the game until it is time for the next activity, or until all children have had a turn.

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Twenty Questions

4+

Materials

box with a lid
wrapping paper
tape
small item

What to do

- Use this activity whenever you have a few extra minutes before the next activity.
- To prepare, wrap a box and lid separately so the box can be used again.
- Put a small item in the box. This might be seasonal item, such as a leaf or an apple.
- Tell the children that they have twenty questions to ask that will help them figure out what is in the box. Whether or not the children guess the item, take it out of the box after the 20 questions.
- Pick a child each week to find something to put in the box, and that child can lead the 20 questions.



More to do

Literacy: Ask children to bring something in that starts with a particular letter of the alphabet to put in the box.

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"What If...?"

4+

Materials none

What to do

1. Play this game.
2. Start by sharing a few examples:
 - ◆ What if it rained marshmallows?
 - ◆ What if lemonade came out of your faucets?
 - ◆ What if peanut butter oozed out of toothpaste tubes?
 - ◆ What if cereal danced in your breakfast bowl?
3. Try these "silly starters." Encourage the children to be creative, inventive, and unique in the ideas that they share. If time allows, the children could make drawings of their ideas.



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What's Missing?

4+

Materials four or five different small toys
handkerchief or bandana

What to do

1. Here's a quick and fun game that you can play any time you find yourself waiting for a few minutes.
2. Line the small toys up on a table.
3. Give the children time to look at the toys and then cover the toys with the handkerchief or bandana.
4. Without the children seeing, remove one toy from the group and hide it.
5. Lift the handkerchief or bandana. Ask the children which toy is missing.
6. Offer hints if the children have difficulty guessing.

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