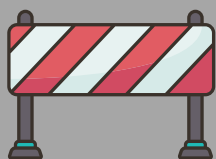


ORACY GAMES



BARRIER GAMES



Sit back to back, one person draws a picture, or builds an object out of Lego, or selects a shape etc...This person then has to describe and explain what they've drawn or made by giving verbal descriptions, eg I'd like you to draw a large square in the middle of your page... The second person must draw exactly as they describe. When the instructions have finished, turn round and compare results!

Ask open 'Tell me' questions rather than questions that require just a 'yes/no' response, eg Tell me about your earliest memory... Tell me about your favourite food... Tell me about your favourite TV programme... Tell me something I don't know about you...

FAMILY QUIZ



WOULD YOU RATHER?



A game that encourages children's imagination to run wild, as well as make choices and give reasoned responses! Would you rather fly to the moon in a bathtub or on the back of a horse? Would you rather swim with mermaids or fly with dragons?

This game can be fun and silly! It doesn't matter how many people you have to play it. Take it in turns to say one word at a time, each new word must build on what the previous person has said so that it makes sense. The story can end up going in all sorts of directions!

ONE WORD STORY



DAISY CHAIN SENTENCES



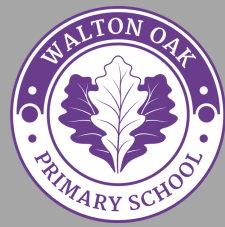
The rule of this game, is that whatever the sentence ends with, must begin the new sentence, Today it was sunny outside... Outside, the children played on the trampoline... The trampoline is covered in leaves... Leaves fall in Autumn...

Select a topic of interest: animals, transport, dinosaurs. Write a list of key topic words relating to the chosen topic or draw simple associated pictures on post-it notes or paper to make word cards. Between you, take on the roles of articulator, guesser and timer! The articulator must select a topic card and explain and describe what this is in their own words, without saying the word written on the card/post-it. The rest of the team must guess the word from the descriptions. How many words can they guess within a minute? Keep score. Then swap roles.

ARTICULATE



ORACY ACTIVITIES



DISCUSS A NEWS ARTICLE

Read a newspaper article together or watch Newsround and ask questions about this. For example, what did you learn from reading that article? How did the people feel?

LISTEN TO DIFFERENT TYPES OF ORACY

Podcasts, poetry, radio shows, television programmes, educational videos, panel discussion, speech, job interview, stand-up comedy or music.



DISCUSS THE MEANING OF VOCABULARY

After reading a text with your child or hearing different vocabulary, ensure you discuss what the vocabulary means.

PHONE A FRIEND

Persuade your child to take a break from text or whatsapp and develop their speaking skills by making an actual phonecall. Encouraging them to speak to different family members on the phone or on a video call will build confidence.



INTERVIEW SOMEONE

Encourage your child to interview a neighbour, a family member or a family friend. Come up with the question together and identify what they might learn from this experience.

TELL ME A STORY

Find an image that looks interesting and you have to tell the story of that image - try and tell it in only 20 words



SIGN THEM UP FOR A CLUB

Joining extra-curricular clubs is a good opportunity for your child to converse with different people outside the home or school environment. Many of them also involve taking instructions (such as being coached in sporting techniques or to complete science or art projects), and introduce them to different vocabulary relating to their new hobby.