

Dear Children,

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Hello again! I do hope that your Easter break went well. Well done all of you for trying your best at a difficult time. You are having to learn to be very patient, I am trying my best too! Also well done for helping your parents by your good behaviour, no one is perfect by the way. Each day has new challenges. You are very wonderful children, all of you, with special talents. Being at James Elliman School reminds me all the time of when I was at school in Slough.

Well, I thought that I could come up with some ideas for games that you could play at home with very little equipment. Going back to my childhood days, I used to play games that we made up, just like some of you do in the playground. Some of you tell me about the imaginative games that you play during breaks.

Before we start, a joke:



'Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?'

'Because her students were so bright!'

Pencil and paper games

1. Hangman (Working out a word with letters missing by saying the letter) for example: You could choose animals. L _ _ N . (LION)
2. You could pick a very long word out of the dictionary and make as many words out of it as you can. For instance: The word 'EXPERIENCE'I can see 'pen', 'pie', 'rip', 'pen', 'rice'. There are more. Have your own pencil and paper and have a competition with your family. You can only use a letter once! Maybe your parents can choose an especially long word. You can set a timer, say 5 minutes? It's up to you.
3. Word Game

I thought that you could make you own word game. You need:

2 A4 sheets of paper

1 envelope or box to keep it safe

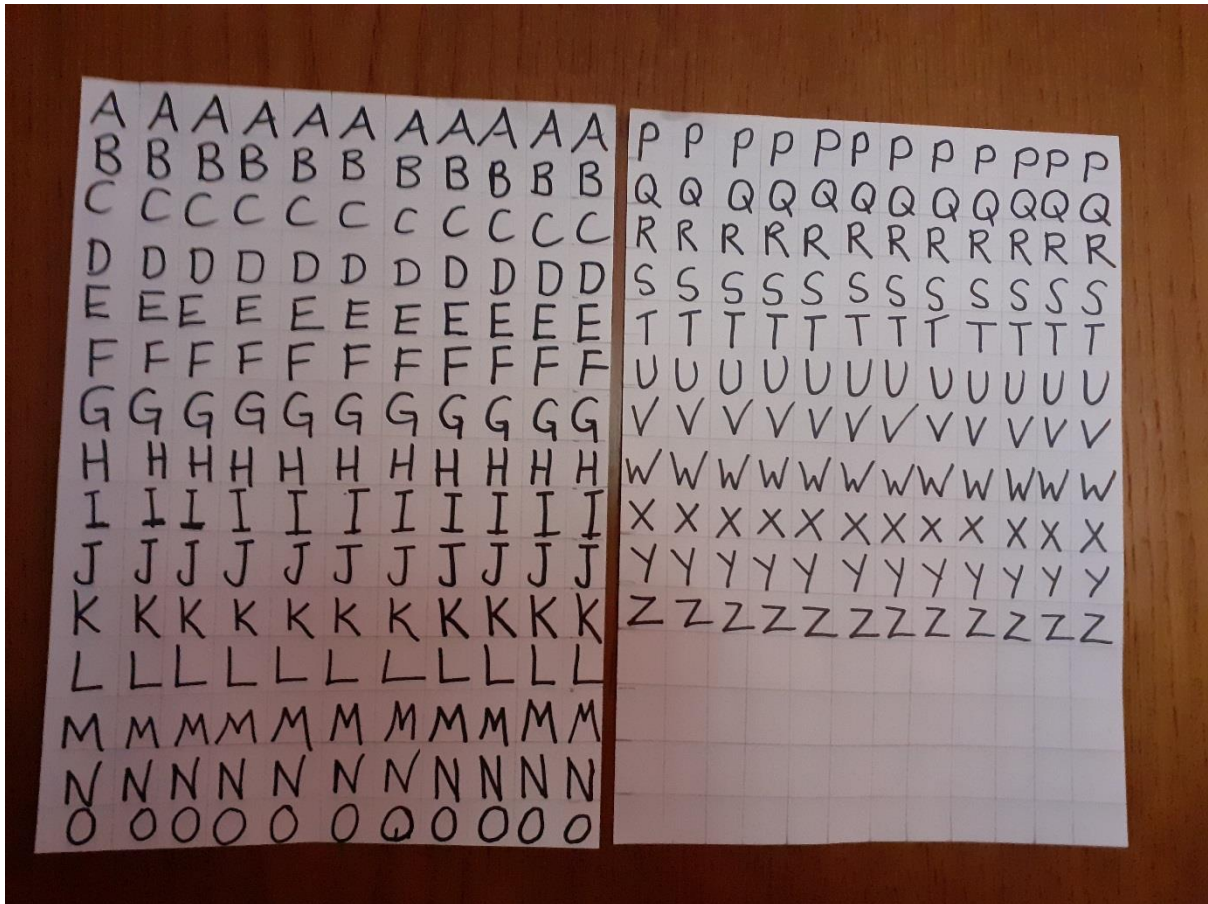
Pens and pencils

Scissors

Ruler

Instructions

1. Draw lines across the sheet (possible 15 at the most)



2. Draw about 10 to 12 lines down so that you make square shapes

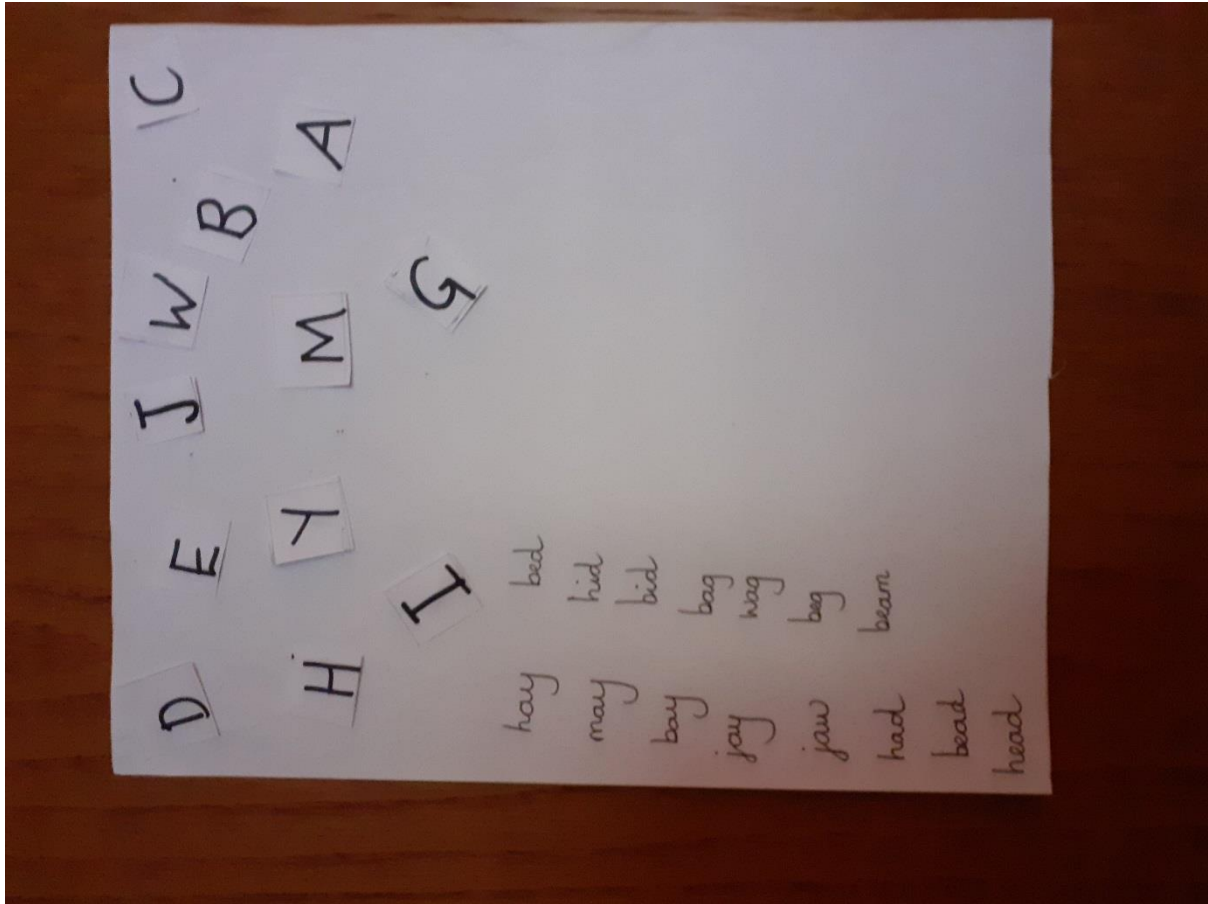
3. Write 'A's across the top line, then 'B's, then 'C's etc. until you have filled in all the letters of the alphabet on the two sheets.

4. Cut out all the square type pieces.

5. Put them safely in the envelope as you go.

You can play this alone or with you family. Pick out 12 letters from the envelope, place them so that everyone can see them. Each person must write the words down and find as many words as they can. Only use each letter once. You can time it if you want to or take as long as you want. Everyone

in the game should have the same amount of time.



Other Games:

Kim's Game

Place small objects on a tray such as a piece of string, piece of pasta, a rubber, small toy, a pencil, a shell, anything! Have up to 20 objects.

Cover it with a cover, newspaper will do.

Take turns. Take off the cover. The first player has to look at the objects for 2 minutes and try to look hard so that they can remember them. After 2 minutes cover it over. No peeping now! The player has to say as many objects as they can remember. Maybe write them down as they say them. How good is their memory? They may want to change the objects for your go or you could swap their position around so that it looks different. This is good for our memory.

Just some more ideas;

You could make a puppet out of an old sock. Give it eyes, ears, nose etc. You can stick them on or have help with sewing them. You could write and perform a puppet show for everyone.

Play 'Rock, paper, scissors' I never win!

Play miming: actions, no words. (Could be an animal, someone's job; postman, doctor, shopkeeper, a sport, cleaning windows, baking a cake or anything you want it to be.) The others have to guess what the mime is.

20 questions; think of an object, a famous person, an animal, anything. Write it down secretly. The other player(s) have to guess what it is in 20 guesses. You can only answer 'yes' or 'no'. You can win points .

Of course another very good game is the Yes/No game. For 1 minute, use a second hand on the clock, someone asks you questions and you must not say 'yes' or 'no' or repeat in your go the same words three times like 'maybe' or 'don't know'. If you have a bell to ring when time is up it would be good.

'I spy with my little eye, something beginning with.....A' another good game.

One that is great fun that some of you have played with me is 'Hunt the thimble', in school I called it hunt the frog as I used a tiny frog. If you find a small object, you can hide it in the room. You must not put it behind or in something but just put it where it can be seen but not easily. The person who is going to look for it should be out of the room when you hide it or hiding their eyes. When they are looking for it, you say 'hot' or 'boiling' if they are near it, warm or warmer if they are going in the right direction, cold, freezing if they are nowhere near it! Have fun.

'Hide and Seek', if possible, is a good game.

Make tickets out of paper. Play buses. Pretend to sell the tickets to get on and use any chairs for seats that your parents allow you to, to make seats on the bus. Create a fitness centre with a reception where you sell tickets, swipe credit card to pay for entry, to use the gym. Make up some exercises for your gym.

Create a shop, sell toys with paper money that you have made. You can put prices on your toys, books or whatever you choose to sell.

If you have a ball, a soft one for indoors, you could use a cardboard box for a goal. Have a competition as to how many goals you can score. If you haven't got a ball, use a soft toy.

I have many more ideas but no space! I could tell you more next time.

I am thinking of you, enjoy playing,

Bye for now,

From Mrs New x