

## Here are some word games you can use

### The Alphabet Game

Make a list of things, such as: a colour, a fruit, a country, a girl's name, a boy's name, an animal, a town, a piece of clothing, a number etc.

You then work your way through the alphabet, starting with A

I.e.

Azure, apple, Austria, Anne, Alex, Anteater, Axminster, Apron etc. Then B

Blue, Blueberry, Britain, Betty, Bruce, Bear, Birmingham, blouse, billion. You then work your way through the alphabet!

As long as you agree the list with your partner you can either take it in turns or play together, doing each letter together? As your language skills and knowledge improve you could suggest more categories to include, (gemstone, flower, food, river)

### THE MEMORY WORD GAME

I went to the seaside and in my bag I packed?

You repeat what has previously been said and add one thing to the list, and then your partner repeats the list, and adds one new thing. See if you can get to 10 things or 15 even.

1<sup>st</sup> person I went to the seaside and in my bag I packed a towel.

2<sup>nd</sup> person I went to the seaside and in my bag I packed a towel, and a beach ball

1<sup>st</sup> person I went to the seaside and in my bag I packed a towel, a beach ball and sunglasses.

2<sup>nd</sup> person I went to the seaside and in my bag I packed a towel, a beach ball, sunglasses and sun cream etc.

### **You can theme the game to cover different situations**

I went to the sports park and in my bag I packed

I went on a picnic and in my bag I packed

I went to the garden

I went shopping

I went to hospital

I went to London

I went to the airport etc.

### **HOW MANY WORDS**

Write out your name in full.

How many words can you make using those letters? (You can only repeat a letter if it is in your name twice!) You can do it together or each do a list of words and then compare them. E.g.

SUSAN VIRGINIA PETERS CORBETT

Sun pet pets nana tears bet better etc.

### **HANG MAN!**

Take it in turns to think of a word.

Write the number of spaces on a piece of paper. (House) - - - - -

Your partner has to guess the word by filling in the blanks.

If they guess a letter correctly you fill it in. (house) - - - u -

If they don't, then write the letter down (so they don't forget and try it again!) and start to draw the hangman.

The elements of the drawing are:

A hill

The gibbett



(three guesses one for each line)

The rope



The head

The body

One arm

Second arm

One leg

The second leg

If you cut the rope before the word has been guessed you win. If your partner guesses the word before the hangman is complete, they win.

If you are using a long word you could give more guessing opportunities by adding a face to the hang man, one feature at a time.

## **CHARADES**

Take it in turns (if you are with friends you could play in teams).

Think of a secret word **or** title, usually it is good to pick a book, film or TV title.

Act out the word/title using only gestures and see if your partner can guess it.

If you are using a title, you should give a clue at the beginning: if it is a book, put your hands in front of you like the two sides of an open book. If it is a film circle your hand in front of you as if you were using an old fashioned movie camera. If it is a TV programme, draw the shape of the TV in the air (a square).

Remember to tell your partner how many words are in the title, using your fingers, and tell them which word you are acting out, again just using your fingers-no word allowed!!