



Hi Everyone,

This is a simple resource to work on language at home using materials and activities that you already have, are doing at home, or can make up quickly!

The following is a list of games that work on language:

- **Guess Who:** ask player yes/no questions to figure out who their character is
 - Targets: describing, identifying characteristics, vocabulary, asking questions
 - Versions:
 - Hard copy game
 - Apps:
 - Guess the Person? – free version is single player where you play against the computer; full version is \$1.39 and you can play two-player and pass back and forth; same company makes ‘Guess the Animal?’
 - Guess my character! – free version, you can play two player by passing back and forth
- **Heads Up!:** give clues to help the player guess their card
 - Targets: describing, identifying characteristics; identifying categories; vocabulary
 - Versions: \$1.39 on the App Store
- **Charades:** act out card to help other players guess
 - Targets: vocabulary, categorization, asking questions, identifying characteristics
 - Versions:
 - Make up your own categories and write them on some paper, throw them in a bowl and each player picks one to act out
 - Free app on the app store: ‘Charades!’
- **HedBanz:** place picture on forehead and players ask yes/no questions to try and guess who they are
 - Targets: describing, attributes, identifying characteristics, asking questions
 - Versions:
 - There is the hard copy board game
 - You can also make up your own by writing or drawing pictures on sticky notes and putting them on your forehead
- **Apples to Apples:** judge picks card and players pick one of their cards that describes it best
 - Targets: creating connections between vocabulary items
 - Versions: Hard copy game
- **Taboo:** must describe the item without using certain words
 - Targets: describing, providing important information
 - Versions: hard copy game
 - May be more challenging, best for older kids



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- **Catchphrase:** similar to Taboo but you can't say the target word, all other words are fair game
 - Targets: same as above
 - Versions:
 - Hard copy game
 - Make up your own – use one of the word lists linked below
- **Pictionary:** draw a picture and have teammates guess
 - Targets: identifying characteristics, making connections, being creative
 - Versions:
 - Hard copy game
 - Make up your own - write down some items (animals, places, things etc.), draw an item, and draw!
- **What's in the Hat?:** guess what's in the hat
 - Targets: describing, identifying important characteristics
 - Versions:
 - Hard copy games: What's in the Cat's Hat? Ned's Head
 - Make up your own:
 - Using items/toys: player picks a toy and places it in the hat so the rest of the players can't see. Player gives clues to help other players guess – what does it look like, feel like, sound like, what does it do etc.
- **Spot It!:** Each player flips over a card and it's a race to find the matching item between the cards
 - Targets: Compare and contrast
 - Versions:
 - Hard copy game
 - Free versions linked below
- **20 Questions:** think of a person, place, or thing and players have 20 questions to guess what it is
 - Targets: asking questions, identifying important characteristics, categorization
 - Versions: no materials needed!
- **Pass the Story:** one person starts a story and then another continues it and on and on...
 - Targets: story telling, narrative structure, sequencing events

Links:

Free Spot It Games:

<https://www.papertraildesign.com/spot-it-emoji-game/>

<https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2019/03/free-printable-lego-emotions-spot-the-match-game.html>

Word lists for games like Pictionary, charades, catchphrase

<https://www.thegamegal.com/printables/>