

Play and Connect

Game on! Did you know that games can help you communicate and bond with others? When we play cooperative games, we work together to achieve goals and solve problems. We can practice consultation, respect, and teamwork. Playing is a great way to meet new friends, too. Try these activities and see what fun and friendships unfold!

Fellowship Volleyball

Set up two teams of four. Each person holds one corner of a blanket. One team puts volleyball in center of blanket. They lower blanket, then raise it quickly, so the ball flies up. The other team catches the ball with their blanket and tosses it back. See how many exchanges you can make.

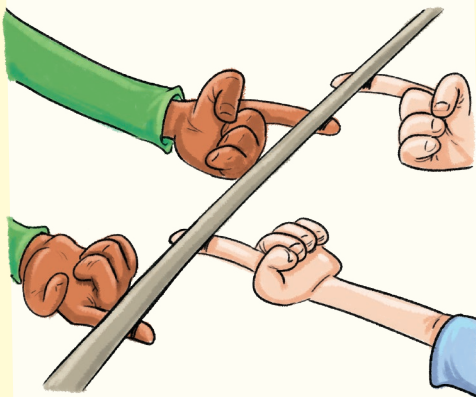


Silly Story Suggestions



Create groups of two to four people. One player in each is storyteller. The others are word givers who name a topic, such as “a fun hike.” As storyteller tells a story on the topic, word givers call out random words that must be included, trying to make storyteller think creatively. Each person takes a turn as storyteller.

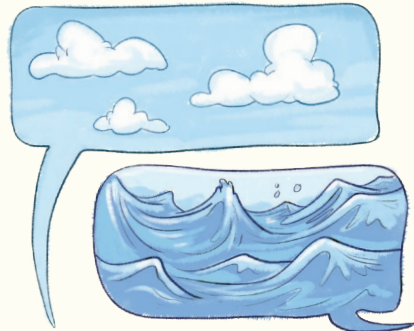
Balance the Stick



Divide into evenly numbered groups. Each group balances a long, thin stick on their forefingers. They cross the room without dropping it or speaking to each other. When they reach their destination, they lower stick to floor. If someone loses contact with stick, their group starts over.

Common Qualities

Form pairs or small groups. Player 1 names an object and a characteristic of it, like “The sky is blue.” Player 2 names new object with same quality, plus a new quality: “The ocean is blue, and it’s deep.” Next player continues: “Canyons are deep, and they’re rocky.” How long can you play?



Blindfolded Find



Write names of objects in room on slips of paper and put in a bowl. Split into pairs. One person in each pair is blindfolded. Their partner selects a slip of paper, then gives blindfolded person verbal directions to move around room and find the object.