

Barrier Game Guidance

Barrier games are a fun way to develop children's speaking and listening skills. They can also be used to explore prepositions and positional language.

These barrier games are designed for two players. Each player has a background scene and a set of picture cards. The two players sit opposite each other. A barrier is then placed between the two children (such as a book) so they are unable to see the other child's picture.

1. Player A puts a picture card on their background scene and then gives verbal instructions to player B for example:

Put the presents under the tree.

2. Player B listens, and then responds to the instruction by putting their matching card in the position described to them on their background scene.

Steps 1-2 are then repeated until both players have put all their picture cards on their background.

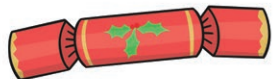
At the end of the game the barrier is removed and children compare their pictures. The children can then discuss why their pictures do or don't look the same.

The players could then swap roles and the game played again.





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