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for teaching our youngest learners online

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Video 1: USING GAMES



1. - I SPY

You can use real objects or flashcards for this classic game.

Good for:

- * Reviewing different word groups e.g. animals, food etc.
- * Practising colours
- * Variety. Try a 'I spy something beginning with...' or 'I spy something made of...'

(NB) make sure children can see all the items on your table!

3. - THE STAND UP, SIT DOWN GAME

Pupils answer statements by standing up for 'Yes' and sitting down for 'No'.

Good for:

- * Getting your pupils moving and keeping them focused
- * Reviewing science concepts
- * Practising personal statements e.g. I like cheese

5. - WHAT'S MISSING

Put everyday objects on your table, take one away and ask children what is missing.

Good for:

- * practising vocabulary
- * improving memory skills

(NB) the children don't need to close their eyes. Just switch the camera off while you remove an object!

2. - SIMON SAYS

Use this action game as a warmer, in between activities or at the end of class.

Good for:

- * Reviewing parts of the body
- * Reviewing action verbs e.g. turn around, sit down etc.
- * Using up energy in your young learners!

4. - A CLASSIFICATION GAME

Pupils make signs for different categories and hold up the correct sign for each item they hear.

Good for:

- * Science and geography teachers, to practise the difference between things like wild and domestic animals

(NB) get children to make the signs during class so you can help them with their spelling and ideas.

Jo recommends using Google Meet or Zoom for these games.

