

Logic Games from Becky's Guiding Games

Bang Bang Bang

Sit everyone in a circle. Show them your "finger gun", and tell them, "I have a gun. With this gun I will shoot a number of people, but only one person is going to die. I need you to tell me who will die." Then proceed to "shoot" your gun at a number of people in the circle, saying "Bang" for each shot. If you want, you can ask, "Who's dead?" (but don't ask after every round!) Repeat a number of times until people catch on.

SECRET: Whoever speaks first after the shooting stops is dead, even if they weren't shot! So if the leader of the game says "Who's dead?" before anyone else talks, she's dead!

Secret Number

The object of the game is for the girls to guess what number you have created. Using a number of pens, pencils, paintbrushes, or sticks, lay out a pattern on the floor. Then ask the girls what number it is (between 0-10). Once you've laid out the pattern, fold your arms across your chest, leaving the number of fingers "exposed" (as opposed to tucked in your armpits) that you've decided the number is going to be. For example, if you've created a pattern that you've decided is the number 3, you leave 3 fingers exposed when you cross your arms.

SECRET: The girls must figure out that it's the number of fingers you have showing, and NOT the pattern of sticks, which is important.

This Can Has Five Sides

The first person picks up the can and says "This can has 5 sides." Pass the can on to other people. They also need to make a statement about the number of sides the can has, and they can be either right or wrong.

Right examples: "Two sides", "Now this can has six sides", "It has four sides".

Wrong examples: "This can has one side", "This can has eight sides", "This can has four sides".

SECRET: The number of "sides" the can has is the the number of words in the accompanying sentence.

The Stick Game

The leader starts out with the following line: "I can play the stick game, you can play the stick game."

Take two sticks (chopsticks are great! You can also use sticks from the woods...etc.) On a table or floor, or chair, tap to the verse. One stick in each hand is as follows: tap tap tap tap tap tap, (cross the sticks) and tap, (uncross the sticks) tap, tap, tap, tap, tap.

The next person in the circle then takes the sticks and tries to copy the action and rhyme of the leader. The leader will tell her whether or not she did it right.

SECRET: It's NOT how you really tap the sticks, the secret is to say "K" as in "okay" before you say the rhyme. So actually what you are saying is. "Are you ready? 'K'. I can play the stick game, you can play the stick game." Don't make the "K" part really loud and clear... just stick it in there.

The girls will think it's how the sticks are tapped on the table. If they don't say "K" before the words it isn't right! When the group is TOTALLY confused, tap the sticks any old way... and just remember to say "K" before you say the words.

One Up, One Down

Gather everyone in a circle. This game is easiest played sitting on the floor. Tell the others that there are three things they can say:

One up one down;

Two up;

Two down.

Go around the circle having each person take a try at saying one of the above phrases, and tell them whether or not they've done it right.

SECRET: Arms! The "one up one down", etc., refers to the positions of the person's arms. For example, if the person has one of their hands up scratching their head, and the other arm is laying down on their lap, they should respond "one up one down". Another example: the person has both of their hands down tying their shoes, they should answer "two down".