



Grandma's House

Early learning/ school readiness skills can be taught in a fun way—by playing games!

What does playing early learning games accomplish?

- You provide an early learning foundation for younger children, helping them become school ready
- You provide a way for older children, already in school but perhaps needing extra help, to acquire skills in a safe, fun, non-punitive environment. When playing these games, it won't feel like they are being singled out for not knowing early learning skills. They'll simply be playing a game and having fun.
- You'll be contributing to the notion that learning is enjoyable; this is an important school-readiness skill!

When can you play this game? Since this talking game requires no "props", you can play anytime. As a bedtime ritual, getting ready in the morning, during a long car ride, instead of TV, while you are doing chores together—anytime you want!

How to play:

1. Start by saying, "What did I bring to Grandma's for dinner?"
2. Then say a letter of the alphabet.
3. Your children now have to think of as many different things as they can that start with that letter. It doesn't have to be a food, but it has to be something that you might bring for dinner. Food is fine, but so are forks, tablecloth, flowers for the table, etc.
4. See how many items your child(ren) can think of.
5. When your child(ren) runs out of ideas, you can add to the list with things that you thought of!
6. When you've both run out of ideas, switch and let your child think of a letter. Now you guess all the things you can guess!