

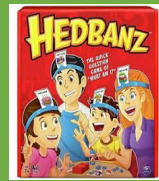
Using Board Games to Enhance Expressive and Receptive Oral Language

Games are a great way to target oral language skills! Any game that involves conversation and turn-taking is a great fit to encourage language practice. Just remember to only focus on one skill at a time and HAVE FUN!

Guess Who



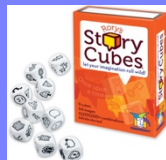
- Practice asking questions from the most general to most specific to encourage part to whole thinking
- Sort pieces by similar features to work on categorization – how many different ways can you sort them?
- Try using clue statements rather than asking questions (“My person has glasses”)
- Work on efficient thinking by challenging each other to identify the character in the least number of questions



Headbanz

- Use the document uploaded separately to provide some support for types of questions or clues to use
- Try using clue statements rather than asking questions (“You live in the rainforest”)
- Challenge yourself to give the guesser clues that are only one word. How specific can your words be?
- Sort the pieces into general and then more specific categories and see if you can come up with an efficient script of questions

Story Cubes



- Make up two stories based on a single cube: a serious story and the wackiest story you can think of
- Decide on a main character ahead of time. Roll the dice and tell the story from their perspective!
- Make up your story and then illustrate it. Can you add more details based on your picture?

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Jenga



- Every time you pull a piece, you need to:
 - Name something in a specific category or that starts with a specific sound
 - Answer a wh- question ("What would you do with \$1,000,000?")

Scategories

- You don't need the actual game for this one!
- Pick a category and try to think of as many items as you can in 1-2 minutes. Compare your answers. One point for every answer you have that no one else has!
- Give a point for answers you both have instead
- Compare and contrast the answers you come up with

Other Ideas

- Make up a new game using the board/pieces to a game you have at home. What information do you need to put in the rules so someone else would know how to play?
 - Or for a bigger challenge, make the materials yourself too!
- Do a two person puzzle. One person is the "builder" and one is a "searcher". Have the builder describe the piece they need ("I'm looking for a piece with a green frog leg and some water")

Have fun!!

