

## **Fun games and things to do:**

### **Red Light, Green Light: ages 3+**

Pick a person to be the leader (they get to say red light, green light) Everyone else plays the game. Space group apart (you need room to move)

Leader stands in front of group.

Turn away from group and say Green Light.

Group members move your body around (dance, jump, wiggle, etc.) until the leader says Red Light! Everyone must freeze, hold that position until the leader says Green Light. If you cannot hold your position and move and the leader sees you, oops you are out for that round. Take turns being the leader for each new round/game.

### **Simon Says: ages 3+**

Pick a leader (Simon)

Everyone else must do as Simon says. If you do something that does not include the phrase Simon says you are out for that round/game.

Example: If the leader says “Simon says touch your toes”--- do that and you are good      if the leader says “touch your toes”---do that and oops you are out.

### **I Spy:**

Take turns picking out an object, say “I spy with my little eye” then describe the object with one word or short phrase. Continue until the other person guess your object.

### **House of cards: ages 10+ 1+ Players**

Using a regular deck of cards lay 4 to 8 cards flat on a table or floor (someplace where they won't be disturbed) Take two cards and lean them against each other to form a upside down V. Take two more cards and repeat. Repeat as many times as you want to build a base on which you will then build up on. Now take one card and try to bridge the two inverted sets of cards. Repeat laying cards to bridge the inverted cards until you have a flat platform on which you can then start a new level. Continue until the house of cards falls down. Good Luck.

### **Slap Jack: ages 5+ 2+ Players**

Using a regular deck of cards. Shuffle cards and deal them equally to all players. First player lays a card down face up. Second player lays a card face up continue until someone lays down a Jack. The first player to slap the pile with the Jack on top gets to keeps the stack. If two cards match (say two 3's are laid down) a player can slap that pile and take them. Continue until all cards in the original hand are gone and then start with the cards you captured with a slap. Play until one person has all the cards.

### **Paper Dolls: ages 5+**

Cut out folded paper doll figures: Fold paper in half-length ways and cut in half. Match the two pieces of paper up and tape end to end then fold accordion style (however wide you want your dolls) On the folded edge draw the shape you will cut out. Cut out the shape being careful not to cut the dolls hands/feet apart from the chain. Unfold chain and decorate the shape as you wish.

**Hop Scotch:** age 2+ 1+ players

Inside: using making tape mask off your grid a 10-12 square for each set of numbers works well. Number 1 is the first square squares 2-3 are side by side square 4 is by itself 5&6 are side by side 7 is by itself 8&9 are side by side 10 is on top in a half circle. As shown below:

1  
2 3  
4  
5 6  
7  
8 9  
10

Using a soft object (such as a rolled up sock or small bean bag) to toss on the squares: Toss object onto the grid as far as you can/want. On one foot hop/jump on square one, then with two feet hop/jump onto the 2-3 squares (one foot on each number). Continue the hop/jump pattern until you reach the toss object, pick up object continue hopping/jumping to the 10 square turn around and hop/jump the one two foot pattern back to square 1.

Outside: use tape or chalk on a patio, sidewalk or driveway. Remember to stay safe when playing outside where there can be traffic.

**Built a fort out of spare blankets or sheets:** ages 5+

Using chairs, couches, beds spare tables cover with blankets/sheets, use clothespins to hold it together. **Caution:** Do not ever build your fort near an open flame, stove, or fireplace. Have a pretend picnic inside, tell scary stories, or host a tea party for all your stuff animals

**Lava game:** age 8+

Using flat pillows, couches and chairs pretend the floor is now covered with Hot Lava. You must avoid touching the floor, move from pillow to couch to chair without falling or touching the floor. Ask adult before playing to make sure it ok to climb on the furniture. Touch the floor and you are out.

**Clap Hide-N-Seek:** age 5+ 2 + players (at least one to count one to hide)

Choose one player to cover their eyes with a blind fold and count. Everyone else hide. After counting (the seeker) person has counted to agreed upon number (15 and up is best, gives them time to hide). Players that are hiding give one clap to give a clue as to where you are. Seeker person then searches out the hiders by listening to the claps (if several people are playing try not to clap all at once). Seeker person can keep on blindfold if is deemed safe by an adult otherwise remove blindfold before looking for the hiders.