



Family Literacy Week  
January 21 - 28, 2024

# Let's have a family party!

Older school-aged

## Play Party Games

### Build a story

This game is a creative and interactive activity where each person contributes a part of the story, building on what the previous person said. It helps with listening skills, vocabulary development, teamwork, etc.

### What you need:

- two or more participants
- optional: pencil and paper

### What you do:

1. Gather players into a circle on the floor or around a table.
2. Choose one person to start off the story by saying a sentence, for example, "Once upon a time, there was a curious cat."
3. The next person continues the story by adding their sentence. Each person should try to build on what the previous person said, creating an imaginative story.
4. The game can continue until everyone has had multiple turns (between 2-5 turns each), or you can decide on a specific number of rounds to play.
5. When the story is coming to an end, the last player adds a closing sentence that wraps up the tale.

**"We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling."**

– Jimmy Neil Smith, Director of the International Storytelling Center



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### Variations:

- You can make the game more challenging by introducing special words that players must use in their sentences, such as adding certain numbers, or mentioning some animals.
- Pass the story: You can use a ball that is soft and safe for indoor use to pass around. The person with the ball will be the person to add a sentence. Once the starting sentence is spoken, hand the ball to anyone in the circle for them to add to the story.