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# DRAMA

for Children

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Quick Thinking and  
Communication Skills



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I hope that you will enjoy the ideas, games, and skits in this little book. Visit our website for more educational materials for your school or homeschool.

Sincerely,

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P = suitable for Primary Grades 1 - 3

J = suitable for Junior Grades 4 - 6 and older

## ABCDialogue J

The object of ABCDialogue is to make a conversation using all of the letters of the alphabet. The players all sit in a circle. The first player starts his sentence with A. The next player continues the conversation with a sentence beginning with B, and so on. The challenge is to have your conversation make sense. Go around the circle and try to get through the whole alphabet. This game can also be played in pairs, with the rest of the group as an audience.

## Alphabet Soup P J

Alphabet Soup is an old game that makes you think of names and words starting with different letters of the alphabet. Have the children sit in a circle. Go around the circle, and for each letter, say something like:

A... My name is Annie and I sell apples.

B... My name is Benjamin and I sell books.

C... My name is Charlie and I sell carrots.

Primary age children might need help with this one.

## What is it? P J

PROPS and PREP: Prepare ahead pieces of paper labeled with names of common household and/or classroom items.

How well can your students describe the things they see around them each day? Students take turns describing common household appliances, school supplies and other everyday things. The others guess what they are describing. Hand gestures are not allowed.

### **Variation for Older Students:**

Players give one word clues to help others guess the special word. The object is to guess in as few words as possible.

- Use only adjectives.
- Use only verbs.

This challenging game can be used to review the parts of speech.

## WhoZoo? P

PROPS and PREP: Prepare ahead folded papers with animal names written on them. The children will draw them out of a "hat."

This game is really enjoyed by the younger children. The children take turns drawing the animal names. Without making any sounds, they must act like the animal, so that the others can guess what animal they are portraying. As you can imagine, some animals are easier than others. You can put a time limit on the game, so that if the animal hasn't been guessed after a while or if the children are getting frustrated, you can allow the actor to make noises. This usually gives it away.




# Invisible Ball P

Invisible Ball is a circle game for young children. Even the kindergarteners can enjoy this one. It teaches concentration and gives you practice saying the names of other people in the group.

Stand in a circle facing one another. Call out your friend's name and throw him the invisible ball by clapping. Your friend has to clap to catch the ball. He then calls out another person's name and throws the ball again by clapping. The person whose name is called must clap to catch the ball, and so on. You must remember to clap or you have "missed" the ball. This takes a fair bit of concentrating for a young child! The teacher should play along and make sure that everyone gets an equal number of turns.

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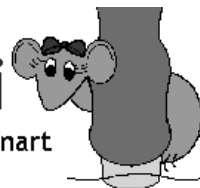
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