

Let's Play "Simon Says"

Outcome: "Simon Says" is a fun way to build your child's understanding of words and language and show how well they understand concepts and follow directions.

Materials Needed: None.

Optional Extension Materials: Paper, markers, and scissors.

How to Play:

- Take the role of 'Simon' and have your child or children follow simple, fun instructions ... but only if you say "Simon says" first.

For example, "Simon says stand up." or "Simon says touch your ears."

Be creative with your actions and have fun with your children!

- If your child is three years or older, combine two actions once they have mastered one-step directions. Use phrasing like, "first..., then..." to help your child understand the concept of sequences. Example: first tap your head, then hop on one foot.
- Ideas for actions: tap your head, wiggle your fingers, find the red marker, turn on the light, touch your nose.

Extension: You can write actions on small paper cards and let your child choose one to give to you. This will become handy when you move to two or three-step directions; just let your child pick two or three cards. Make sure you shuffle the cards in a different order to make it more fun!