

Barrier Games

Why use barrier games

Barrier games are a great way to develop a child's understanding and expressive language while having fun! Barrier games can be used to specifically target vocabulary, adjectives, spatial concepts, multi-step and sequential directions, giving directions, formulating sentences and questions, asking questions for clarification and many more areas.

How to play barrier games

Two players sit across from each other and have a barrier in between (such as a book, binder, cardboard box, etc.), so the players can't see each other. Both players should have the same scene and objects. One person starts and creates a picture by putting objects on the same one at a time, telling the other player where to put each object. When player one is done, the barrier is removed, and the players compare their pictures to see if they are the same or different. Then try again and let player two do the talking and make the picture!



For more information on using barrier games: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pu40EXETtyk>

Resources

- Where to find some barrier games:
 - o For beginners: <https://www.talkingmatters.com.au/search/?submit=&q=barrier+games>
 - o For older students or more difficult games: <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/p/speech-barrier-games.html> - scroll to the bottom to access the games
 - o <https://allisonfors.com/why-you-should-be-using-barrier-games/>
 - o http://www.scholastic.ca/education/lpeyx_teaching_support_grade2/images/pdfs/conversation_pdfs/orallangames/barriergames.pdf
- Variations for barrier games:
 - o Use two copies of the same coloring page and same colored markers.
 - o Use an outline page and draw the details - <https://www.dltk-holidays.com/spring/m-draw-details.htm>
 - o Use Lego, making sure you have two sets of the same color and size blocks.
 - o Use stickers and/or stamps to make a picture.
 - o Use potato head, again making sure you have two sets of the same body parts.
 - o Recreate pictures with your geometric shapes for extra practice with your math vocabulary.

