



Language Bingo



Type: [Games](#) Skills: [Language & Literacy](#), [Math & Numbers](#)

In this activity, you'll learn how to create a simple game called language bingo using sticker pictures to match on the game board.



What We Learn

Language bingo is a great way to enhance children's speech and language. As the children are repeating sounds and practicing the words, they are building their knowledge on how to pronounce these words and syllables. They're discovering new words being introduced and used in the game. Children also will learn impulse control – how to wait for their turn. Finally, they'll improve their hand eye-coordination as they place objects on their bingo cards to note when an item has been called.

Supply List

Construction paper
Index cards
Stickers
Marker
Blocks or Legos

How-To

Prepare for the activity by designing a bingo card for each child in your care. Simply take a piece of construction paper and use a marker to divide it into six sections.

Within each section, place a sticker to represent an item. To reinforce language skills, write the name of the object next to the sticker. For example, your theme could be animals and within the six sections you could place the following stickers: cat, dog, fish, bird, frog, and cow. Remember to make each child's bingo card different from the others. The card can include a few of the same items on other bingo cards, but should include a few different ones, too. For example, your second bingo card could include: snake, pig, bird, cat, lion, and bear.

To make the bingo cards more durable for future use, you can glue or tape the construction paper to a piece of poster board or cardboard. You even can use clear packing tape to protect the bingo cards.

Next, you'll need to create one index card for each object that you included on your bingo cards. Again, simply

place a sticker on an index card and write the name of the object underneath the sticker.

Finally, you can begin playing "language bingo" with your kids. Explain the game to them. Hand out a bingo card to each child. Also give each child six blocks or six Lego pieces or six pieces of something else they can use to place on their bingo card to note when an item on their card has been called.

Shuffle your index cards and begin to reveal the first index card. Encourage the kids to shout out the name of the object when the index card is revealed. Ask kids, "Who has a frog on their bingo card?" After you have read the index card, place it out so it is still visible for the children to see throughout the game.

Kids that have the object that is revealed on the index card can place a marker on their bingo card to note that it's been called. Older kids can even help younger ones find items on their bingo cards if they're having trouble recognizing the stickers or names.

Remember, the object of this activity is to encourage speech and language through the pictures on the cards. As the game is being played, remember to ask questions. If you reveal "dog" on one of the index cards, you can ask kids to describe their family dog. Or when you're far along in the game, you can ask which kids have five spaces filled on their card or which have four spaces, etc.

Continue revealing index cards until a child has had all six items called on his or her bingo card.

You can make different versions of language bingo by coming up with different themes based on children's interests. For example, you could do nature bingo cards which include objects such as: grass, flower, trees, leaf, ocean, sun. Or you can do a transportation theme and include: truck, train, plane, car, bicycle, etc.