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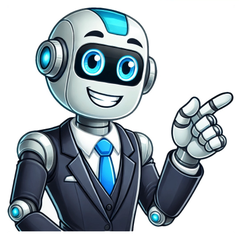

All parents and teachers need some quiet games that their kids can play. Most of the time, being quiet is not an easy task for little kids. If you're working from home or just need a moment alone, having games that your kids can play quietly keeps your kids quiet, entertained, and possibly learning as well. That's what we all want! You will recognize many of these games; we played these in school growing up. Some of them are classics that all kids love to play, but sometimes, it's easy to forget how effective and fun they really are. Here are some games that your kids will love, even if they're quiet games. Toddlers might not be able to play the same quiet games as older kids, but they need activities that keep them quiet and busy. Here are some toddler quiet games to keep on hand. Color sorting is a great way to help young ones learn and stay on stay on task during an activity. Pom-poms are a versatile and cheap item to keep on hand. You may also have the large Mega Bloks which are an awesome toy that all kids love! Grab a piece of foam or construction paper that matches the Mega Bloks or pom-pom colors. Then, have your toddler practice sorting them by color and matching to the foam or construction paper. You can also use a muffin tin for small items (like the pom poms). Simply tape a piece of colored paper in the circle and you're good to go! For more information about this activity, go to my post about Color Sorting with Muffin Tins here. You may just have to go over this once or twice and they should understand the task. Related: Pom Pom Tube Drop: Toddler Developmental Activity Sensory bottles are easy to make and inexpensive, and some people call them calm dow bottles. They keep toddlers and kids entertained; they focus on the objects inside of the sensory bottles as they move, suspended in the liquid. Related: How to Make Simple DIY Glitter Sensory Bottles Busy boards or busy bags are great to have on hand, especially when you're traveling or heading to the doctor's office. They're like a portable activity kit, and you can customize them to fit your toddler's interests. Related: 15 Toddler Busy Board Ideas Your Child Will Love! Stacking with blocks is not quiet, but sponge towers are a quiet way to build. Their texture makes them fun to play with, and you can even cut them into different shapes. Give them to your kids to enjoy and build. Do you remember making cereal necklaces? I made them in elementary school, and this activity is great for toddlers, but I suggest using strayers or pipe cleaners. Create a little threading station with cereal and the pipe cleaners inside a plastic box to keep everything contained. Here is a great idea from Fun Learning for Kids. Grab some lacing cards; these are portable and keep your toddlers entertained. Plus, they take focus and hand-eye coordination to learn how to use properly. They may be more age appropriate for older toddlers- age 3 and up. The following quiet games are great for kids of all ages, from preschool and up. Let's start with the quintessential quiet game – The Quiet Game! You'll find dozens of variations to this game, and you can play it wherever you are – the car, a restaurant, a family party – whatever the situation is. This game is always a hit. Start by simply seeing who can be quiet the longest. Inevitably, you'll have some giggling happening, but the kids try to be quiet. Another version is played in a circle with other kids, and you pick the quietest kid. They walk around the circle and tap on the quietest kids' head before taking their spot in the circle. Then, the next quietest kid walks around and taps the next quietest person. I remember playing the Telephone Game at a leadership conference to show how, even with the right intentions, things are misconstrued along the way. However, you may not have thought about using it as one of your quiet games. Everyone sits in a circle, and the starting person tells a phrase into the person's ear beside them. Then, that person whispers it to the next person. The important rule is that you cannot repeat the phrase, so the person who is receiving the message has to listen! At the end, the last person says the phrase out loud to see what the phrase became. Growing up, I always looked forward to playing heads up, seven up. When teachers said we had a few minutes to play, it was the best, but you'll need a larger group to play or try to adapt it for your family. If you've never played this, you're missing out. The original game is when all the players put their heads down with their thumbs up. Seven people walk around and tap on seven players. The people who are tapped have to guess which one of the tappers tapped them. If you guess right, your tapper sits down and you take their place. In your family, try doing two or three tappers and the rest put their heads down! All you need is a stuffed animal for this simple game. The kids sit in a circle and give the animal to the quietest person. Then, that kid picks the next person to give the animal to – but they have to be quiet to get it! If they drop the stuffed animal, talk, or throw it, the kid is out of the game. The name might be a bit morbid, but what is more quiet than dead people and a graveyard? Not much. Have all the kids lay on the ground, close their eyes, and don't move – like a dead person. One person has to stay up and let the players know if they're out; they're out when they move or speak. Grab a small ball, stuffed animal, or a rolled up sock, and have your kids stand in a circle. One kid throws the ball or item to another in silence. If they don't catch it, the catcher sits, but if it's a badly thrown item, the thrower sits. The kid who catches the ball throws it to another person in the circle, and it all has to be done in silence. Anyone who talks has to sit own, and the winner is the last person standing. I remember playing thumb wrestling when I was young; it was a fun game for long car rides. Both kids have to grab the other child's fingertips and clash tight. Then, say "one, two, three, four, I declare a thumb war." The wrestling begins, and the first kid to hold down the other's thumb for a count of 3 seconds wins. Everyone knows how to play this game! Once your kids know how to play it out loud, it's possible to play it silently as well. Remember, scissors beat paper, paper beats rock, and rock beats scissors. This is one of those quiet games you know will have your kids rolling with laughter at some point. Call out a statue you want your kids to be, perhaps a monkey or a policeman, or a tiger! After you count to three, the kids have to freeze and be the statue. The game continues; if the statue falls or talks, they're out. You pick a new statute, and the game repeats. Grab some cotton balls, straws, and masking tape. Use the tape to create a race course with a finish line and a starting line. Put your cotton ball on the starting line and the players have to blow through the straws to move the cotton ball towards the finish line. The first kid who gets their cotton ball across the line wins! If you have a bottle of bubbles in your bag, you have an easy quiet game to play. Seriously, just let your kids play with bubbles and tell them they need to do so quietly. Try keeping a variety of bubble wands with you for added interest! It might be impossible to play this without laughing. One of the kids looks at the other children and makes silent, silly actions. All of the other kids have to copy them without laughing. Make sure to switch up the monkeys to keep it going. If you laugh, you're out! Grab some paper and pencils; you can play tic-tac-toe anywhere and in any given moment. Your preschoolers may not be able to play the game well, but older kids will, and it's easy to play this for quite awhile. Checkers is a classic board game, and you can turn this into a quiet game by playing without speaking. If someone speaks, they lose a turn! Every kid loves the Oreo challenge, but you can use any cookies. Kids sit in a circle with their head back, looking up at the ceiling. Then, the leader of the challenge puts an Oreo on each child's forehead. Next, the child has to try to get the cookie into their mouth without using their hands. Here's one of the silly quiet games. Pick five to ten socks and hide one object in each sock. Then, each kid feels the socks without peeking. Give each sock a number and let your kids pick a number. Then they have to guess what the hidden object is inside of the sock. Jigsaw puzzles are definitely quiet games that can keep kids of all ages busy. There are so many puzzle designs to choose from and with various numbers of pieces, you're sure to find a puzzle that suits any child's level. In addition, for older children, it's possible to play jigsaw puzzles online. Some websites have thousands of free puzzles to choose from, including categories like holidays, animals, kids, and sports. You can even upload your own virtual jigsaw puzzle to the site so that others can play when you share the link. Try these quiet games whenever you need your kids to settle down, whether that is during a phone call, a meeting, or anything else. Kids are happiest and quietest when they're entertained! Two Jersey Moms, a pediatric occupational therapist & elementary school teacher, providing fun and simple activities to get your little ones learning through play. Skip to content When it's time for kids to quiet down these circle games and table games for kids are sure to help. We have lots of wonderful school-age games that use low energy… Play them on a table, the floor, or in a circle. A Bonus! Most are extremely cost efficient-as in they cost nothing! ________________________ 1. PLAY "SILENT BALL" Need: Ball or stuffed animal 1. The children stand by their desks or chairs. (Or they stand about an area) 2. A ball is thrown from one person to another in complete silence. 3. If a child throws the ball wildly, that student must sit down in his/her chair, desk or on the floor. 4. If the student makes a good throw and the receiver missed it, the receiver is out and must sit down. 5. If the receiver throws it back to the person who threw to him, he is out. The student who is left wins and gets to start the next round of play. A variation is to allow only 5 seconds to throw the ball. __________________ 2. TWO PING PONG TABLE GAMES #1 AIR PONG Form two teams each at opposite ends of a table with hands held behind their backs. A ping pong ball is placed in the middle and the teams will try to blow the ball off of the other team's side of the table. If the ball falls off the side of the table it gets placed back in the middle and play resumes. ___________________ #2 PING-PONG PUFF YOU NEED: Straws and ping pong balls 1. Establish two goal lines at opposite ends of a table, floor or carpet. If a carpet, you may be able to use part of the pattern or certain rows in the weave. If not, apply strips of masking tape. 2. Place a Ping-Pong ball in the center of the surface and hand each player a drinking straw. 3. On cue, both players try to blow the ball past the opponent's goal line. ________________________ 3. BIRD, BEAST, OR FISH You have to think fast for this game. 1. Everyone sits facing the leader. 2. The leader points to one of the players and says either "BIRD," "BEAST," or "FISH." 3. The chosen player must come up with the name of an animal that fits the category before the leader counts to ten. 4. No repeating! 5. If the player does not respond in time, he/she is out. 6. The game continues until only one player remains. After a few rounds it can be hard to think of an animal that has not already been mentioned! __________________________ 4. GRANDMA'S UNDERPANTS Have the group sit in a circle. One person is "it" and stands in the middle of the circle. The people on the outside of the circle ask the "it" questions. The only thing the "it" can say is "My grandma's under pants." The object is to try to make the "it" laugh. When someone makes the "it" laugh, they become "it". _______________ 5. TABLE PUSH THE PEANUT GAME Give each racer a toothpick and a peanut (in the shell). Their job is to use the toothpick to push and roll the peanut from the starting line to the finish line. This can be played on the floor or on a table. On the floor or carpet, you can mark the starting and finish lines with masking tape. On a table— just go from one end to the other. Note: With younger children, you may want to use a cocktail straw instead of the toothpick to avoid any possible injuries during all the excitement _______________ 6. MARBLE RACE You need an empty toilet paper or paper towel tube for each child and a marble or small bouncing ball for each. Create a finish line with some masking tape on the floor or table, and position the kids on the other end with their cardboard tubes and marbles. Send the marble or ball through the tube launcher and see who crosses the finish line first. ________________ 7. PENNY-CUP GAME Get a cup filled with water. Put a napkin over the cup. Place a rubber band around the cup to hold the napkin. Put a penny in the middle of the napkin. 2 players take turns poking holes into the napkin with a sharp pencil… The entire tip of the pencil must go through the napkin. The person who doesn't make the penny fall wins. _______________________ 8. PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY Everyone looks at the same photograph for 30 seconds. Remove the photo and write down as much as you can remember about it. The person with the longest list of items that are really in the photo wins! ______________ 9. CARD TOWERS Get out a deck of cards (or several) and use them to build a tower. Lean one card against another, creating a triangle with the table top or floor. Create a second triangle a couple inches to the left or right of your first one, and connect the two with a card laying flat over top. See how tall you can make your tower. This can be done as an individual. a team or as a competition game. _____________ 10. GROUP ART Give everyone a pencil and paper and describe an object for them to draw. They are to follow what YOU are drawing. Example: "Draw a square. Now draw an oval in the upper right-hand corner of your paper…" Continue drawing a giving directions. Compare their pictures to yours and see how accurate they were. A variation on this is playing connect-the-dots on the chalkboard. The first person draws two dots and a line connecting them. Each person adds a dot and draws a line from one of the previous dots to his dot to make a design. ______________________ 11. SKITTLE (OR M&M's) GAME Required: Container 2-3 pkgs. of Skittle candies (depending on number of kids and tables playing) Score sheet Paper and pencil. Players: Small to large groups Find a deep, clean, non-see-through container to pour in several bags of skittles. Make a point chart on paper or blackboard for the different colored Skittles. An example is purple 5 pts, green 10 pts, yellow 20 pts, orange 25 pts, and red 30 pts. Divide into teams and have one person at a time from each team, draw out a Skittle. The team is awarded the points for the color that is pulled out. *The drawer gets to eat the Skittle. The first team to reach 500 pts is the winner. TIP: You can use any kind of candy that has MANY COLORS…also a great transition activity or to get the group to quiet down! ________________ 12. CHOCOLATE FACE Place a piece of chocolate candy in your mouth– and see how long it takes to melt! No sucking and chewing it! The one to keep the chocolate IN THEIR MOUTH THE LONGEST is the winner! ____________________________ 13. PLAY TABLE-TOP SHUFFLE BOARD Have children SLIDE COINS to see who can get closest to the edge WITHOUT FALLING OFF. _____________ 14. BUZZ (circle/passive) The players start counting substituting buzz for the number seven and multiples of seven. If a player makes a mistake he must drop out or the whole group must start again. ___________________ 15. CREEPY CLAWS — PICK UP STRAWS! Table Game First, cut three or four plastic straws into pieces about an inch long and put the pieces in a pile in the middle of a table. Put a cup in front of each player. Now to make your claws, cut a straw in half. Tape one half to your first finger and other half to your thumb. When each player has his claws on, the game can begin. At the count of three everyone starts to pick up straws. When all the straws are gone, the one with the most in his cup is the winner. _______________________ 16. ROCK- PAPER-SCISSORS "Rock"is a fist… "Paper" is a flat hand… "Scissors" are the pointer and middle fingers making snipping motions. Partners shake their fists three times—and then show their chosen motion on the count of three. Winning hands are decided as follows: Rock dulls scissors… Scissors cuts paper… Paper covers rock. Play five or seven times…and see who has the most wins. This is also a good method to see who goes " first" in games or gym. ___________________ 17. THUMB WRESLING Have partners match up with a similar sized person. Reach out with the right hand—fingers bent. Interlock with partner's hand and keep thumbs up. Slowly move thumbs from side to side–saying "1..2..3.., Go!" At that moment—try to overtake the others person's thumb. If you can hold it down for a couple seconds, you win! For Variation, try left hands or both hands at the same time. This could also be a good competition to add to the "Quiet Olympics" below… ___________________ 18. THE QUIET OLYMPICS This is NOT a "Table Game"..but uses low energy in comparison to the usual style "Olympic Games"! DISCUS THROW: Use a paper plate SHOT-PUT: Use a balloon TRACK RACE: Each player lines up at the start line and race by placing the heel of one foot against the toe of the next. The first one to the end of the track and back wins. HIGH JUMP: Each contestant takes a deep breath and whistles. The contestant who holds the note the longest wins. HIGH DIVE: Each player stands on a chair (or faces the chair back-rest and then kneels chair seat) with ten clothes pins and drops them into an empty bottle. The player that gets the most wins. _________________ 19. HEADS UP…SEVEN UP All children playing— sit at a table or desk with their heads down. They cover their eyes and stick up one thumb. Seven children who have been chosen— walk around the tables or desks. Each of the "Seven" touches ONE child's thumb. When a child's thumb is touched— they put it down. When all the "Seven" have touched a thumb– they go to the front of the room, and say in unison, "Heads Up– Seven Up!" The seven youth whose thumbs have been touched stand up. They then have to guess who was the one who touched their thumb. If they're right, they become one of the "NEW SEVEN", replacing whoever had touched them. This is really good for those "transition times"… or if you need to quiet down the group! _________________________ 20. PLAY TABLE TOP FOOTBALL! 1. Pregame preparation: First, fold a paper football. Then, grab a friend and a table! 2. Decide how many points you want to play (35 is a good goal), then flip a coin. The winner of the toss can choose to "flick off" or to receive. 3. Next, the flicker sets the football flat in front of him and flicks it with his finger toward his opponent. The receiving player then has four flicks — or downs — to slide the ball so that part of it, even a fraction, overhangs the table edge. Touchdown! 4. If the football falls off the table, the defending player takes possession. If it stops short of the end zone on the 4th flick, the defense takes over where the ball came to rest. 5. After a touchdown (worth six points), the scoring player gets to try for the extra point by "kicking" the ball from his end zone through his opponent's goalposts. 6. If a player flicks the ball off the table three times, the defending player can attempt a 3-point field goal the same way, by "kicking" the ball through the goalposts. It's up, and it's good! __________________ 21. HANGMAN FOR KIDS WHO CAN'T SPELL! Most people know how to play the traditional version of Hangman. This is for children who can't yet spell! Play it like 20 Questions. Think of something (like you would for 20 questions) and have your partner think of "yes-or-no questions" to guess what it is. Each time there is a "no" answer– add another part to the Hangman. Play it in Teams using a large whiteboard or black board…Check out some more fun whiteboard games. You may find the older kids also like this version!!! ________________________ 22. LARGE SIZE SEASONAL TIC-TAC-TOE Adapt tic tac toe to play at different seasons and holidays. Take a large piece of poster board and draw the tic tac toe lines on it and laminate if possible. Example: for Halloween cut-out pumpkin and ghosts or witch hat shapes; then simply play tic tac toe. For fall cut out two different types of leaves. For winter..mittens and hat, etc. You can also make your TicTac Toe boards with more spaces to make the game more challenging! Instead of two lines each way–try three, four or more! Play the game as usual. __________________ 23. MAKE A MANCALA GAME (Recycled Craft & Game in one!) Mancala is a game that has been around for centuries. Forms of this game were played in ancient Africa and Asia. There are many different names, boards and rules of play for Mancala. . . but most are played on wooden boards with beads, stones or glass game pieces. Children in Africa would play by scooping holes in the dirt to create a game board. This version is one that you can make with a Styrofoam egg carton, two applesauce (or pudding cups) and dried beans. Of course, you can use anything for game pieces, beads, pennies, or anything small and easy to scoop! You will need 48 dried beans to start the game – 4 in each cup. Two people play at a time. SET UP: Place the board between the two players so that the long sides face the players- and the two applesauce cups (Mancala cups) are on the right and left. You will have six cups of beans facing each player. Place 4 beans in each cup. Each player has a Mancala cup – which is the applesauce cup on their LEFT. This cup is where they put the beans they collect. OBJECT OF THE GAME: Each player takes a turn and tries to collect as many beans as possible in their Mancala cup before the other player clears their side of the board. HOW TO PLAY: One player starts. In his or her turn, they pick up all of the beans from one cup on their side of the board- Then – going clockwise- they place one bean at a time in each cup- including their Mancala (collection cup) until they run out of beans. FOR EXAMPLE: If you go first and pick up all the beans in the cup on the far left- you would drop one bean in your Mancala (collection) cup and one bean each in the cups on the other side of the board. You must put one bean in each and every cup you pass over- EXCEPT for the opponent's Mancala cup. You just skip that cup. If the last bean a player has drops into their Mancala cup, they get to go again! (Strategy here would tell you to start with the fourth cup from the left. . . which would let you drop your last bean into your Mancala. . . then you get another turn. Also- in this version of the game, if you drop the last bean into a cup that already contains beans– you pick up all the beans in that cup and keep going. Your turn ends when you place the last bean into an empty cup! Then, it's the other players turn. The game ends when one player has no more beans left in the cups on their side of the board. The player with the most beans in their Mancala cup wins! (There are many versions of the game. In my experience, kids seem to like this one the best.) ______________________ 24. GAMES THAT REQUIRE NOTHING BUT A PENCIL & PAPER Games are a great way to learn math concepts such as strategy, thinking ahead, spatial sense and logical reasoning… TIC-TAC-TOE: This is one of the most basic, classic strategy games. All know how to play, so here are variations: EOT-CAT-CIT The "reverse" of Tic-Tac– Toe. The player who makes three in a row loses. 4 x 4 This version is played on a 4 x 4 grid until all the spaces are filled. The player with the most three-in-a-row sets wins. DOTS (Grades 3-5) Also known as "Boxes" or "Capture the Squares," this game encourages geometric reasoning and visualization. OBJECT: Capture the most squares. Setup: Draw a rectangular arrangement of dots and decide who goes first. The array of dots may be of any size. Try starting with a 6 x 5 grid. PLAY: Players take turns drawing one horizontal or vertical line segment to connect adjacent dots. When a line segment completes a square, the player who made the move wins that square and writes his or her initials inside it. That player then takes a bonus move. If the bonus move results in another square, the player takes another bonus move. __________________________ 25. PALMS DOWN 1. Two players face each other. 2. The first player extends his/her hands with palms facing up. 3. The second player places his/her hands on the other person's hands, palms facing down. 4. The bottom pair of hands tries to slap the back of the upper pair of 5. hands before they are taken away. 6. If the player succeeds in slapping one or both hands, continue in the same way. 7. If the player misses, the players reverse roles. (Remind kids—gentle on the hand slaps!) _____________ 26. NIM (A game from China) For ages of 8 and older–two players You need 21 toothpicks, beans or other small markers. Arrange the 21 toothpicks (or other objects) in a continuous, straight, horizontal line. Taking turns- each player picks up 1, 2, or 3 sticks at a time. The object of the game is to NOT pick up the LAST stick… __________________ 27. COOPERATIVE STAND UP Have your group get in pairs. The pairs will sit on the floor, back pressed to back. They must stand up without using their hands. It can end here…OR… After a pair stands up, have them find another pair and all 4 of them must sit down and stand up. Go on as such until the entire group is together and have everyone try to stand up. This is a good game to promote friendliness and it is a really fun when you have an exceptionally large group. ___________________ 28. COOPERATIVE DRAWING #1 VERSION: Here's a simple, yet fun activity: Each person uses different colored pen, creates a squiggly line or scribble (the only rule is no intersecting lines) and passes it to the person on the right who makes a drawing out of it. When a squiggle is received it can be rotated in any direction to get an idea what to make out of it. The drawings can be wild and imaginative, they are not judged, they're just for fun. The results usually bring lots of laughter. #2 VERSION The first player draws any detail of the future picture on a sheet of paper so that the other players CAN'T guess what is drawn. Next this sheet of paper is given to the next player. He/she continues to draw. Each player has a MARKER of their own color. The sheet of paper is returned to the first player. He/she says what he/she intended to draw. Check out some more fun cooperative games for kids. ___________________________ 29. DO THIS–DO THAT! This is played similar to "Simon Says"… The group does everything you do when you say "Do this"…but when you say "Do that"…they do NOT follow the direction. When a player follows the direction of "Do that"… they are out. ___________________________ 30. INTRODUCE CHESS TO YOUR PROGRAM! Promotes THINKING: You need a chess set or two with the book of rules. (There are games with directional moves on the bottom of chess pieces-much easier for kids to learn the game!) If Chess is not already a part of your game table…Create a special area for playing the game. Invite two children to examine the game, identify the pieces and read the rules. Guide the two players in learning to play the game. Encourage them to play it weekly. Help them review the rules and remind them that they can start a game one week and continue playing it the next week. After players complete a game, help them TEACH IT to two other players! And so on… Before you know it-you have a large group of kids that know how to play chess! _____________ 31. ELEPHANT The leader gives each team a large piece of thick paper. Being blindfolded the teams collectively draw an elephant. 1. The first player in each team draws the body… 2. The second draws the head… 3. The third-legs etc… 4. The team which finishes the drawing the first —and whose drawing is the most accurate becomes the winner. __________________ 32. BALANCING ACT Directions say this is for K-6-however I think more appropriate for K-3 –maybe I'm wrong?) Need a bean bag, pencil, eraser -or a similar object to place on head. 1. Play music as each child walks around balancing the object on their head. 2. If the object falls off the child is frozen until another comes and places the object back on the head. 3. Everyone stops and resets their object when the music stops. 4.Game starts over when the music again starts. Good game when you want to actively calm group down! _______________________ 33. SILLY SALLY's COOL CLUB! (passive) Have the players in a circle. The leader explains that Silly Sally has a really cool club. The only way that kids can join— is if they can figure out what Sally likes and doesn't like. Sally only likes things that have double letters in them. Sally likes 'soccer' but she doesn't like 'golf'. Sally likes 'bananas' but she doesn't like 'beans'. Etc. As the children take turns guessing what Sally likes, the leader either lets the child in the club or not-based on the guess and if it contains 'double of a letter'. (Obviously, the leader will have to know how to spell!) ___________________ 34. CHICKEN PICKS (passive) Equipment: Rubber Chicken Players sit in a circle and one player goes into the middle. A topic is chosen and the rubber chicken starts with one person and is passed around the circle. The person in the middle must list as many things as they can from the topic, but they only have however long that the chicken makes it around the circle once. When the chicken gets back to the starting point, the person must stop talking. A designated counter should be in the group to count how many objects they are able to list. The person that is able to list the most objects is the winner. Topic example: Chocolate Bars — Hershey, Crispy Crunch, Mounds, Mars Bar, etc., etc. ______________________________ 35. CAN ANYONE ________? It's NOT easy!!! 1. NOSE CHALLENGE Lie on back on the floor. A coin is placed on the nose. The challenge is to get the coin off by wiggling nose, but without moving head. 2. MINT CHALLENGE All you need for this game is one or more boxes of mints (Peppermint Patties, After Eights, etc). The leader has to get everyone sitting in a circle on chairs with their heads back, and then place an After Eight candy on everyone's forehead. The aim is to get the after eight in your mouth without dropping it or using your hands. (Recently this game has been on a television program using an Oreo cookie–also fun!) 3. SHOULDER CHALLENGE A potato chip or cracker is placed on shoulder, while standing. The challenge is to remove the chip with tongue. ______________________________ 36. AUTO TRIP (circle/passive) Players sit in a circle and are assigned the names of auto parts such as: hood, wheel, door, etc.) The storyteller tells a story of an auto trip. As the player tells the story, the parts mentioned get up and follow him/her. When the storyteller yells "Blowout" —each player scrambles for a seat. The one left out becomes the next storyteller. ______________________ 37. CHANGING BODY GAME 1. Take a full body picture of each child and glue it to a piece of paper. 2. Have the children to go through magazines, newspapers, etc. Have them cut out pictures of animals, people, and characters. 3. Then cut off the heads of all of these pictures — and they can place them over their picture to see what they would look like in someone else's body! 4. Example: Cut the head off of Bozo the clown and place the rest of the body under the head of your picture — and you can see what it looks like! How about cutting off the head of a giraffe and having a body like a giraffe…you may be surprised at the silly fun! _______________ 38. ZIP ZAP It points to a person in the circle repeating the word "zip" or "zap" and counting to five. If "It" says "zip" the person must reply with the name of the person on his/her right. if "It" says "zap" they must reply with the name on their left. If the name is wrong, that person goes into the center of the circle. ________________ 39. CARDS IN A HAT Simple but popular … it is one of the few card games that requires physical skill! Need one or two packs of cards and a hat with a brim. If no hat is available, a bowl, or wastebasket can be substituted. Suggested Ages: 4 and up. Skills Developed: How to judge distances, and improve accuracy in tossing. The standard 52-card pack is used. The cards are distributed evenly among the players, either face up or face down. If there are any cards left over, they are set aside. The goal is to land the most cards inside the hat. The hat should be placed with brim up so it can receive the tossed cards. Place the hat on the floor or on a low table. Players sit or stand away from the hat. If very young children are playing, they are allowed to position themselves closer. In the game, each player in turn flips one card toward the hat, and tries to land the card inside it. Each player keeps track of the number of cards that land inside, with one point being scored for each, and half a point if a card lands on the brim. If another player succeeds in knocking in a card resting on the brim, it counts as a full point for that player. Solitaire Play. If only one person plays, he keeps score by keeping track of how many cards out of 52 he tossed in the hat. Victory is awarded if the player scores 20 or more points in a round. Thirty points or more scores a double-victory, and 40 or more points score a triple-victory. __________________ 40. RAIN The group sits in a circle. The leader starts by rubbing their hands together. The person to the right does the same, the person to the right, and so on until everyone is doing the action. When all are rubing their hands, the leader starts a new sound, finger snapping, then hand clapping, next slapping thighs, try foot stomping. To END the storm, reverse the actions. At the end, the group, one by one stops rubbing hands and sits and waits for action to be completed by the group. ________________________________ 41. SAFETY PINS IN THE RICE GAME Required: Rice, 1" or smaller safety pins, bowl and timer Players: Small to large groups Pour one box of rice into a bowl, add one package of 1" safety pins and mix well. Each player is to try to find the safety pins with their fingers without looking. They are allowed 30 – 60 seconds to do this. The person with the most safety pins is the winner. ______________________ 42. MOUSE-A TABLE TOP DRAWING GAME Need: Paper, pencils, a pre-drawn mouse to follow. The aim of the game is to be the first to complete a Mouse. Each roll of the die enables a particular body part to be drawn as follows: 6 = body 5 =nose 4 = whiskers 3 = eyes 2 – ears 1 = tail The body must be drawn before the other body parts are added to it, so players must therefore roll a 6 to start. Once the body has been drawn, the other parts of the mouse may be added in any order. If you roll a number which relates to a part you have already added, you miss your go and pass the die on. TIP: Put a mouse print out or drawing in the middle of the table as a reminder for which body part relates to which number on the die. I've also played this drawing a body of a man…body, head, arms, legs, etc. Just adapt the body parts to a die throws! _______________________ 43. BEAT THAT!… Dice Game for Age: 5 to adult Need: 2 dice (up to 7 dice for older players) Paper and pencil for scoring How to play: Roll the dice and put them in order to make the highest number possible. If you roll a 4 and an 6, for example, your best answer would be 64. Using 3 dice, a roll of 3, 5 and 2 should give you 532, and so on. Write down your answer, pass the dice, and challenge the next player to "Beat That!" Play in rounds and assign a winner to each round. For a change, try making the smallest number possible! This is a great game for reinforcing the concept of place value. If you are playing with younger children, explain your reasoning aloud and encourage them to do the same. _____________________ 44. WHO'S THE LEADER? "It" leaves the group while the rest choose an action leader. When "it" returns all the players in the circle are making the same motion as that started by their leader. The leader constantly changes the motion and the group does likewise but they never look at the leader in such a way as to "give him away". "It" gets three guesses to determine who the leader is. _________________ 45. SILENT HANGMAN Need: Flip Chart or board and marker or pen. Like original hangman, children guess the mystery word; however, they are not allowed to speak while trying to find out the letters. This game is a good way to settle children down. When a child wants to guess a letter they must draw the letter in the air with an invisible pen. Leader will then write it in if it is correct— or write it to the side if not. The leader should also not be able to talk. __________________ 46. BODY MIX UP Stand in front of the first person in line; touch your nose and say, "This is my mouth." How quickly can the person touch his or her mouth and respond, "This is my nose?" That person turns to the next person and says, touching his ear, "This is my chin." ___________________ 47. WHAT AM I COUNTING? Have one person start counting aloud an object in everyone's view: Windows, white shirts, tables, etc. Can your group guess what the person is counting? As a variation, name an object and challenge the group to count as many as they can find in one minute. _________________________________ 48. HAVE A PAPER-AIRPLANE DAY! Nice weather? Have it outside… Bad weather? Hold it inside in a gym or large space! Create and decorate paper-airplanes. Come up with categories for the fun. Example: Who's can go the farthest? Straightest? Highest? Can anyone fly it through a hula hoop? Do loops? Make a 'bull's-eye' similar to what you would use for playing darts; can anyone hit the bulls eye…or the outer circles? This isn't quite a quiet game-but more low keyed than most! ____ 49. ***Don't forget about all the card games and board games! ____ 50. GUESS THE PERSON, ANIMAL OR THING! 1. Using a picture of an animal, children's character or personality, cover the entire picture with puzzle pieces to hide identifying features. 2. Take one piece off at a time; children guess who/what is underneath. 3. This can be done as a group game, individual or team play. It could also be set up in a special daily spot–with guesses being made as removed pieces reveal who/what it is! 4. Depending on how you play this-points can be added or subtracted. The most points of course going to the individual or team who correctly guesses with the least amount of puzzle pieces removed! ***TIP: It's fun to have a daily program or classroom feature where there is a _______ (blank) of the Day! This could work as well as a riddle, trick question, joke, definition of a word or quote. Brains crave variety and incorporating activities such as this, will certainly go towards some cognitive variety! Each month or week, change out "What the _____of the Day" will be! As written above, it could be the puzzle, a word definition, riddle, trick question, or quote. Great for all school ages to high school!Just put the _______on a black board or white board near the room entrance. By the end of the day—discuss guesses and answers. ____________ 51. HOW ABOUT A GAME OF 'HOT AND COLD' ? 1. Hide an item. 2. Have a child to try to find the item. 3. When they get close to the item they are getting hotter. 4. When they get farther away from the item they are cold. The farther they get away the colder they get. The closer they get the hotter they get… ___________ 52. WANT TO QUIET THE KIDS DOWN?! PLAY 'GHOSTS IN THE GRAVEYARD'… Ghosts in the graveyard is a good game for unwinding and quieting down the group. 1. Players lay on the floor in any position they choose. 2. Make sure each player has enough space as NOT to touch each other. 3.When kids are ready- count to three to signal that the game has begun. At "3" children must remain quiet and not move! 4. If the chosen "crypt-keeper" catches any movement, the child moving becomes the next "crypt-keeper". (you may need to explain what a "cypt" is) _________ 53. Remember how to play JACKS?! Introduce your kids to this fun game of generations past! Materials: Set of jacks and ball. Smooth surface to play on. Object of Game: Be the first to go from 'Onesie'" to 'Tensies' 1.Begin by throwing your jacks onto the ground in front of you. Try and make the jacks land not too far apart or too close together. 2.Next throw the ball into the air and pick up one jack. Catch the ball after it bounces one time. Continue picking up the jacks one at a time. 3. When you have collected all the jacks, throw them again and start picking the jacks up two at a time (twosies). When you get to threesies you have to pick up the three sets of three first, then pick up the left over jack. Continue on until you are at tensies. You can then declare the winner as the first one to tens, or go back down again to onesies. Your turn continues until you either–miss the ball, fail to pick up the jacks, move a jack, or drop a jack that you have picked up. Your turn is then over and the next person goes. Variations for Jacks: NO BOUNCIES Go from one to tens without letting the ball bounce before you pick up the jacks. DOUBLE BOUNCIES Pick up the jacks and then catch the ball after it bounces twice. LEFT HANDED Switch the hand you normally throw the ball with. CHERRIES IN A BASKET Cup your hand and throw the ball with the opposite hand. You have to then place the jacks in your cupped hand – one through tens. AROUND THE WORLD After you throw the ball you have to make a circle in the air around the ball before it bounces – one to tens. _______________ There you have it, our 51 fun circle and table games for kids. These are fun games that can be played quietly. Also check out the Creative Games using Literacy Based Ideas (Highly recommended!) and…more than 70 Sponge, Wating and Gathering Games! Most are great when you want more quiet or low energy!!! Be sure to visit our great list of pumpkin games. _____________________ SaveSave SaveSave SaveSave SaveSave SaveSave In a world where kids are constantly inundated with screen time, it can be hard to get them to put down the iPad to play a fun game unrelated to electronics. It can be challenging to think of a fun activity or game idea like charades for kids that doesn't involve screen time for our son, but I've found that there are still tons of super-fun games and activities that encourage quiet time to let kids chill out and learn at the same time. If you're looking for some fun, quiet games for your little ones, check out this list! From hide-and-seek to hopscotch, these age-old classics will keep your kids entertained for hours on end. Plus, they might help them burn off a little steam before bedtime. Indoor quiet games are an excellent way to engage kids in calm and focused activities, promoting both entertainment and developmental benefits. These types of games are designed to be played with minimal noise and physical activity, making them ideal for maintaining a serene environment indoors. Quiet games often involve puzzles, board games, arts and crafts, reading, and educational activities. They encourage concentration, problem-solving skills, and creativity, allowing children to explore their imaginations while learning valuable lessons. These games also teach patience, turn-taking, and social interaction, enhancing emotional intelligence. As a busy mom, I understand the importance of finding activities that keep my kids entertained and engaged while also allowing for moments of peace and quiet at home. Indoor quiet games have been a lifesaver in achieving this delicate balance. These games provide fun and entertainment and offer numerous benefits for my children's development. One of the key advantages of indoor quiet games is that they promote concentration and focus. As my kids immerse themselves in puzzles, board games, or artistic endeavors, they learn to pay attention to details and stay engrossed in the activity for extended periods. Quiet games also encourage creativity and imagination. Watching my kids explore their artistic side through drawing or crafting allows me to witness their unique perspectives and ideas coming to life. It's heartwarming to see how these activities spark their creativity and provide an outlet for self-expression! Indoor quiet games include puzzles, board games, arts and crafts, coloring books, reading, and educational activities like word searches and brain teasers. Quiet games promote concentration, problem-solving, and creativity. They also teach patience, turn-taking, and social skills, while providing a calm and focused environment for learning and play. Make the games enticing by choosing themes or activities aligned with their interests. Set aside dedicated quiet time each day and join them in playing. Praise their efforts and offer rewards to create positive associations with these games. 18 fun games to help you pass the time, but the 100+ activity sheet bundle will also work like magic, too! I wish I would have made this activity set sooner, but it comes in handy now for snow days, stuck-inside-days, sick days, school days off, on airplanes, car rides and waiting for oil changes, dr. offices, and restaurants. HINT: BE SURE TO READ #13 and SNAG YOUR FREE PRINTABLE GAME ON THE GO Each day, there are inevitably several times you'll spent minutes, even an hour or more waiting. Waiting is simply an unavoidable fact of life and understandably not our favorite thing to do, especially with kids in tow. You wait for appointments, for your car's oil to be changed, in the grocery store check-out line, watching big brother's practice to end, waiting for the school bus and sitting in traffic. The list of times we all have to wait is long. Waiting for periods of time with kids is as fun as listening to nails scratching on a chalkboard. It can be downright unpleasant. Well… at least before you had this list of kid-approved waiting games to pass time. For adults, waiting 10 minutes seems brief but to children, 10 minutes of sitting in a waiting room can feel like agonizing torture. Kids, they get fidgeting, start bouncing around impatiently like a chipmunk who was just fed 2lbs of sugar and unless you have some form of entertainment, time moves as slow as watching paint dry – for you and for them. You might pull out a couple snacks which they eat in 15-seconds flat. Then you dump your purse upside looking for something you may have missed the last two times you checked. Quickly you realize you're out of activities. That's when the nail biting and the sinking feeling in your stomach starts. After regular doctor's appointments when I pregnant with our third child and had to bring along three-year-old twins whose meltdowns could be heard in the office next door, I wised up and began to prepare better. I started a list of fun games to pass time and help us all keep our sanity while we wait. Now I always have little activities in my diaper bag which I keep in a zippered pouch and pull out when we're waiting. I might bring them out when we're at the doctor's office or sitting on the sidelines at the soccer field, but these items always stay in the pouch so they feel new and exciting because I don't use them too often. THE ADDED BRAIN BENEFIT OF PLAYING FUN GAMES TO PASS TIME Waiting games are great to help kids develop self-regulation, the means to which children regulate their behavior and emotions by learning to control their impulses. These activities help build self-control through periods of clear focus, discipline and brain-building activities. Here are 18 kid-approved and wonderfully fun waiting games to pass the time. They make the time more enjoyable but also help me keep my cool because my kids aren't jumping off any waiting room chairs and causing a scene. Copyright Paha_L 18 WAITING GAMES TO PASS TIME YOUR KIDS WILL LOVE 1. STOPWATCH REACTION Holding a stopwatch, see how quick your kids can push the start and then the stop button and try to better their reaction time. Older kids who are in sports can improve their reaction time with this simple activity. Make it a friendly competition between kids – one child takes their best time out of three and then another child has three turns to beat the set time. What You Need: 2. I'M THINKING OF… This is a fun guessing game kids go wild for! Using words to describe something you're thinking of – an animals, place, clothing, book, etc. – without giving away what is is, your kids will guess at what it is you're thinking of. For example: "I'm thinking of something yellow and big, with feathers and a beak." The answer is Big Bird. It's fun to watch your kids guess but it's interesting to see first-hand how their brains bounce concepts and ideas around to come up with guesses and then zero in on the answer. 3. MAGNET & PAPERCLIP TOWER All you need for this activity is a large magnetic base and a stash of paperclips. You might even have all the supplies already in your office. Building on the magnetic base, kids can see how high they can build their tower of paperclips or what shapes and designs they can orchestrate through magnetic play. What You Need: 4. PAGING DOCTOR FIX IT If you have kids, you're probably already familiar with the fascination they have for band aids. Throw in a small baby doll with drawn on cuts and scrapes (optional) that require tending – or let them use your arm, leg or baby sister – and you'll burn through time while they give a check-up and play doctor. Sometimes I pack a small baby like this one with band aids, and a couple pieces of doctor equipment from this doctor's set and they'll play quietly as they fix all the invisible injuries. You can also throw in household items like q-tips, cotton balls and old medicine droppers. What You Need: Small Baby Doll Variety of Bandaids Doctor's Toys 5. ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS This old-school game of rock, paper, scissors is a great time burner and kids love playing this fun game to pass time! Play with your kids or if you have more than two kids, make it a friendly competitions of elimination. 6. ABC LETTER FINDING GAME Using your surroundings, find something that starts with each letter of the alphabet. For example, something that starts with A, then B, C and so on. Let your kids lead the game to practice recognizing letters and connecting to sounds when they sound out their surroundings. You can do this in the car with billboards, signs, and places as well as any waiting room you're in. If you're in a waiting room, pull out a magazine and look for the ABCs throughout the pages too. 7. TIC-TAC-TOE Bring a notebook with you and pen for a good 'ol game of tic tac toe. If you're crafty or have a spare moment, pick up 10 stones from your yard and with paint or a paint marker, write Xs and Os on them. Throw the stones in your bag for a fun impromptu game of tic tac toe. If you're at a restaurant, build your own board with a napkin and a pen or use four straws to make your playing board and for the Xs and Os use different colored sugar packets (white and pink are usually the standard colors). The first person with three yellow, or three white lined in a row or diagonally wins that round. 8. CAPTURE THE SQUARES This is another game to have a notebook and pen handy for, or a napkin will do too. Capture the squares is played like this: Put rows of dots on a piece of paper (25 – 50 dots will do) Each person takes a turn drawing a line, connecting from dot to dot Whoever has the final line to form a square gets to put their initial inside the box Continue playing until all squares have been formed Tally up the initials inside each box to see who formed the most boxes The person with the most initials is the winner 9. I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE This game can be played anywhere – in the car, in a waiting room, while standing in a long check-out line. Use books, magazines, art, cars, etc. to play "I Spy with My Little Eye" and take turns at guessing what the person is trying to get them to identify. Use descriptive words to describe colors, purpose, form/motion, size, and shape to help the guessers correctly identify the item. This is a fun game and great learning tool for cognitive recognition. 10. DISAPPEARING OBJECTS… GUESS WHAT'S MISSING Set out a group of objects and let your kids look and memorize the items for 20 seconds. Ask them to turn around and close their eyes while you remove one or two objects from the group. Once the kids turn back around, they need to figure out which object(s) are missing. A group of 6 – 10 items is best for toddlers and preschool aged. For older kids 5+, 10+ items work well and start by removing one item and then increase to 2-3 objects. 11. MAGNIFYING GLASS Bring along a magnifying glass (or a couple) and suddenly everything around you gets infinitely more interesting. Kids can kill time observing everyday objects through a magnifying glass – fibers on their clothes, grass, paper, books, food, bugs, money… the list is endless. What You Need: Large or Medium Sized Magnifying Glass 12. HAND-SLAP REACTION GAME This is game to test reaction skills. One person stands facing another person and holds out their hands facing upwards. The other person stands with their hands out facing downwards so if they were to clap their hands together, they'd touch palm to palm. The person with their hands facing upwards is trying to slap the hands of the person above their own by bringing their hands around over top. The person on the top, is trying to outmaneuver the reaction of the other and move their hands before they get hit. 13. WOULD YOU RATHER Would you rather sit on a cactus or swim with jellyfish? Would you rather eat a worm or have a mud milkshake? Would you rather take a bath full of slime or swim in a pool full of Jello? Playing "Would You Rather" is a fun game for kids of all ages. BONUS DOWNLOAD: 42 Would You Rather Questions For Kids 14. DROP A PENNY Standing upright, practice dropping a penny on your shoe. The point is to drop the penny on the top of your shoe and get it to stay there, without it dropping off. 15. TRAVEL-SIZED GAMES Travel sized games pack up easily and don't take up much space. An Etch a Sketch, Magna Doodle, Magnetic Silly Faces or Build a Face with Magnets are great at keeping kids occupied. What You Need: Pocket Etch a Sketch Magna Doodle Magnetic Wooly Willy Face 16.DROP A FEATHER Carry a couple feathers in a bag in your purse and play drop a feather. The adult stands up and drops the feather, and the child tries to catch the feather before it touches the ground. You can also do this with a small piece of paper. Both are lightweight and will float side to side to the ground, giving time to coordinate grabbing it mid-air. 17. FIND THE COLOR Pick a color and find objects and items around you in the same color. See how many items your kids can find and name in that color, and then move from one color to the next. Color recognition is a great cognitive tool for object identification. 18. LEGO TIN BOX Take an old tix box (altoid boxes work great) and pack a mini-set of legos inside for building and playing the next time you're stuck waiting. I have three kids so I have three small tins they can rotate through and keep things fresh and no fighting over sharing. What You Need: BONUS DOWNLOAD: 42 Would You Rather Questions For Kids Waiting never has to be slow and painful again with these 18 fun waiting games to pass the time. You Might Like… Want even more? Shop All Parenting Resources Shop all of our parenting resources from self-regulation tools and managing big emotions to building self esteem and confidence. There are resources for all seasons of life! Have you ever been at a sleepover where the noise level threatened to wake the whole house? I've been there too! But don't worry, I've got a solution that'll keep the fun going without disturbing anyone's beauty sleep. In this post, I'll share some of my favorite sleepover games that are both exciting and quiet. These games will ensure you and your friends have a blast without being silenced by parents or neighbors. From creative challenges to brain teasers, I've got a mix that'll suit every group. Whether you are looking for something silly or thought-provoking, these games will keep you entertained all night. So, get ready to turn your next sleepover into an unforgettable, whisper-filled adventure! 1. Question Ball Let's dive into the Question Ball game – it's a real crowd-pleaser at sleepovers! Here's how it works: I grab a beach ball and write fun questions all over it. Then, we sit in a circle and toss the ball around. When someone catches it, they have to answer the question right under their thumb. It's that simple! The best part? It keeps everyone talking in hushed tones, perfect for late-night chats. I love how it encourages us to share silly stuff or even open up about things we've never told anyone. Some questions I like to use are: "What's the grossest food your mom ever made you eat?" "If you could have any superpower, what would it be?" "What's your biggest fear?" This game is great because it helps break the ice and gets everyone involved. Plus, it's a sneaky way to learn more about your friends! Remember, the key is to keep your voice low. It's all about having fun without waking up the whole house! 2. Mirrorless Makeover Let's talk about the Mirrorless Makeover game – it's a hoot! Here's the scoop: I give each person a set of makeup tools and set a timer for a few minutes. The challenge? Everyone has to do their makeup without a mirror! You can aim for a glam look or a funny "make-under" if you're feeling silly. Some wild ideas I've seen: Drawing on a unibrow with lipstick Putting green blush all over Creating blue eyeshadow "spots" on the cheeks This game is perfect for quiet giggles. No loud noises, just silent laughter! It's a great way to let creativity flow without disturbing others in the house. Plus, the results are always hilarious. I like to snap a few pics for memories. Remember, it's all about having fun, not looking perfect! 3. Light as a Feather, Stiff as a Board Let's chat about "Light as a Feather, Stiff as a Board" – it's an old favorite of mine! Here's how we play it: We pick one person as the "body" and another as the storyteller. The "body" lies down on the floor, nice and still. The rest of us gather around, each putting two fingers under the "body." Our storyteller then spins a spooky tale about how the "body" got there. After the story, we all start chanting "Light as a feather, stiff as a board" repeatedly. The cool part? It feels like the person is rising off the ground! It's all done in whispers, perfect for late-night fun. This game always gives me goosebumps in the best way. It's a great mix of storytelling and teamwork, all while keeping things quiet. Plus, it's fun to get everyone involved and create a spooky atmosphere. Remember – it's all in good fun; no real spirits are involved. 4. Pillowcase Decorating Pillowcase Decorating is a fun, quiet sleepover activity. Here's what you need: Plain white pillowcases Fabric markers, glitter, ribbons, fabric glue How to do it: Set up a craft station with all the supplies. Give each person a plain pillowcase to decorate. Some cool ideas: Draw favorite animals Write inspiring quotes Create patterns with dots and lines It's a great way to be creative without making noise. Everyone takes home a special memento. This activity lets imaginations calmly run wild. It's perfect for winding down after more energetic games. Remember, there's no wrong way to decorate – have fun! 5. Candy Challenge Let's talk about the Candy Challenge – a sweet and quiet game! Here's how to play: Fill a big bowl with colorful candies like M&Ms or Skittles. Everyone sits in a circle and takes turns. With eyes closed, pick two candies from the bowl. Ask if they're the same color. If yes, you can eat them. If not, keep them in your mouth. The game continues until someone gets matching colors. It's fun to see who can guess right! This game keeps everyone focused and quiet. Plus, who doesn't love a game with candy? It's a great way to enjoy treats without making a fuss. Remember to keep your voices low – it's all about silent fun! 6. Spotlight Charades Let's chat about Spotlight Charades – a fun twist on a classic game! Here's how we play: Turn off the lights and use a flashlight as a spotlight. One person acts out a movie, song, or book title. The rest of us try to guess what it is. We keep our voices low to add to the mystery. It's like regular charades but with a cool, dramatic vibe. The darkness makes it more challenging and exciting. You can use gestures, facial expressions, and silent actions. Just remember to stay in the spotlight! This game is great for quiet nights and sparking creativity. Plus, it's hilarious to see friends act in the spotlight! Remember, choose topics everyone knows to keep the game flowing and fun! Conclusion I hope these quiet sleepover games have given you some great ideas for your next get-together. From the Question Ball to Spotlight Charades, each game offers a unique way to have fun without waking up the whole house. These games do more than keep the noise down. They help you bond with friends, spark creativity, and create lasting memories. Whether decorating pillowcases or guessing candy colors, you will have a blast. Remember, balancing fun and consideration for others is the key to a great sleepover. With these games, you can do just that. Why not give these games a try at your next sleepover? You might discover a new favorite! And don't forget to share your experiences in the comments below. What's your go-to quiet sleepover game? Frequently Asked Questions How Can I Make Sure the Games Stay Quiet? Answer: Set ground rules at the start. Remind everyone to use "inside voices" and lead by example. Choose games that naturally encourage whispering or silent play. Are There Any Quiet Games that Don't Require Special Materials? Yes! Light as a Feather, Stiff as a Board is a classic that requires only imagination. Spotlight Charades also requires a flashlight and some creativity. How Long Should Each Game Last? It depends on the game and the group's interest. Generally, 15-30 minutes per game works well. Watch for signs of boredom and switch games if needed. And we have an entire list of Fun Family Games to Play that you'll love! Every parent needs some super-fun games that kids can play quietly. Why? Because we're all faced with situations where our kids need to be quiet for thirty minutes or more — and that's not the easiest task for a kid! Here are some super-fun games and activities that require little or no supplies to keep your kids quiet and entertained. Some of these games I played in school when my teacher needed to grade tests. There were at least 20 of us kids, but the room was un-earthly quiet when our teacher told us to occupy ourselves with these games. Some of these games are also fun things that my kiddos and I made up to keep them entertained and quiet during long road trips, waiting times and while I am cooking dinner. These games can come in handy at just about any time of the day! Keeping kiddos quiet AND happy is a super sneaky trick that all moms and teachers need to have up their sleeves. These games are much better than shooing your kids into a room to watch a movie. And these screen-free activities are awesome ideas too! Keeping kids occupied lets them know you want them to be quiet — but happily engaged in a learning, connecting activity. If you are in an airport, a waiting room or anywhere that needs kids to sit quietly, try these games instead of repeatedly shushing your kids…ha! Many of these games work for ages three and up, but some are only appropriate for school-age children. Feel free to adapt these games to your child's level. There are many variations to this game. We play it in the car, in a public place and even at the dinner table. The simplest version is just to pick the quietest to start the game. The person that starts the game then picks the next quietest child, and then that child picks the next quietest child. Even though this is simple, kids do not normally tire of this game until about 30 minutes. A different twist, is to have the kids sit in a circle and have the first person walk around and gently tap the quietest person's head. They then take that person's spot and the next person walks around the circle and pats the next quietest person. This version seems to entertain kids for a longer period of time. Many of you probably already know this game, but never thought about using it for quiet time. Have the kids sit in a circle and choose a person to begin. That person whispers a phrase into the person's ear beside them and then that person whispers to the next person. The phrase cannot be repeated so it is very important that all the kids stay quiet so everyone can hear the message. At the end, have the last person say the message out loud to see how silly the message turned out! It's a little morbid, I know, but dead people don't move or talk. All kids lie on the ground, close their eyes and don't move. Choose one person to stand up and pick the best dead person. Or, have the first person stand up and watch the others. When someone moves or talks, they are out. The person standing up lets the others know when they are out. Choose a small stuffed animal for this game. You can always keep one in your purse or diaper bag. Have the kids sit in a circle and give the stuffed animal to the quietest person. That person then gently tosses the stuffed animal to someone in the circle. 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While some of these are classic games you might have played growing up, others may be new and exciting for your kids. Half of these games can be played in complete silence, while the other half require minimal talking. Pick whichever games best suit your quiet time needs! I hope you will enjoy these 11 quiet games for kids! Start by designating one child to be the museum guard. The other children will be the statues. Have the guard leave the room for 20 seconds. When the guard returns, the other children must pretend to be statues at the museum. The guard will walk around the room examining the statues. If any children smile, laugh, or move they must quietly sit down. The last child to break character wins the game. This game was one of my favorites growing up! My teacher always turned the lights off to play which made it even more relaxing. Start by selecting 7 kids to the front of the room (can be less depending on how many kids you have). Have the rest of the children put their heads down with one hand on the desk. Have the 7 children secretly go and tap one child each. If a child is tapped they must put their thumb up without looking at who tapped them. Once 7 children have been tapped, have all the children lift up their heads. Each child who was tapped must guess who tapped them. If they guess right then they will switch places with that player. We all know the game Follow the Leader. Let's put a little spin on it and make it a silent activity! Select one child to go to the front of the room to be the leader. Allow them to do whatever movements they want. They can smile, jump, spin, or even flap their arms like a duck! The other children in the classroom must follow what the leader does but in silence. Whoever laughs or talks must sit down and they are out of the game! This game is very simple yet kids love to play it! Star by having the kids close their eyes while you hide an object in the room. Give the children 3 minutes to find the hidden object. They must be silent during their search. If the children have not found the object within 3 minutes you can either provide them with a clue or hide the object in a different place. This game is definitely a fan favorite among children. Designate two children to stand at the front of the room. Have one child face the wall while the other child faces the rest of the kids. The child facing the rest of the kids will then take the "bone" (can be any object) and hide it in one student's desk. The students will then say "Doggie Doggie, where's your bone?". The child facing the wall will turn around and examine the room. That child has 3 guesses to figure out who has the bone. If the child guesses correctly, they will switch places with the child who has the bone. If they do not guess correctly, then the game will restart with 2 new students at the front. We all love the classic game of rock, paper, scissors, so why not make it into a competition? Since the game only uses the players' hands, encourage them to remain silent. Have the students gather into pairs to play rock, paper, scissors. They should play best of 3. After this round half of the children will be eliminated. Pair up the winners with each other to play another round of best of 3. Continue eliminating and repairing until you have one final winner. This is also a great way to play thumb wars! The game of telephone is a great listening activity and since you have to whisper to play it is also a great quiet game for kids! Start by having the kids sit in a circle. Have the first child think of a phrase to whisper to the child sitting next to them. The child receiving the message will then whisper it to the next child in line. When the last child in the circle gets the message they will say the message out loud. Many times this game is met will laughter and giggles as the phrase seems to change in passage. I am not sure where this game originated from but it is so much fun to play! Even as an adult, I enjoy playing this game! The goal of the game is to strike the person's hand who is standing next to you. Have the children gather in a circle standing up with the palms of their hands together at their chest. On the count of three have each child take one step back striking a "ninja pose". The child who said the countdown will start the game. That player can then make one swift motion (not a series of motions) to try and tap the person's hands next to them. They can try to attack the person on the right or the left of them. The person being attacked can make one swift movement to avoid the attack (again not a series of movements). If the child "being attacked" is hit in the arm (below the elbow) they are out of the game. If they managed to avoid the attack then it is their turn to make a move. They can now choose to attack the person to the right or left of them. The children must remain still and quiet until it is their turn to make their move. I really like this game because even though it is a quiet activity, it helps children develop their hand-eye coordination. Simply have the children stand in a circle. Have the kids pass the ball to whoever they wish. It can be the child next to them, or across from them. If the child drops the ball, makes a bad pass, or begins talking or laughing then they are out. Four Corners is a great quiet activity especially if you are in a classroom! Start by labeling the four corners of the room. You can label the corners with letters, colors, or even numbers. Then, gather all the children in the center of the room and write down the designated labels on four different pieces of paper (if you designate the corners with letters then write A, B, C, and D on different pieces of paper and hold them). On the count of three have the kids walk to any corner they choose. At random, hold up one piece of paper. If the paper shows the letter D then the children who are in the corner must sit down quietly. The remaining children will go back to the center of the room Repeat this process until one child is left. 11. Wink Murder Game This game is designed for older children but I had to include it in the list because it is so much fun! Have the children sit in a circle with their eyes closed. Assign one child as the murderer by going and tapping them on the shoulder. Have the children open their eyes, and verbally assign one child to be the detective. On the count of three the murderer will begin winking directly at the other children to try and get them out of the game. If a child is winked at they must lie down. The murderer should be very careful when winking, to not get caught by the detective. When the detective realizes who the murderer is, they will say their name out loud. The game ends when a murderer is found, or when all the children are lying down. I hope you enjoy these 11 quiet games for kids! If you're in the mood for more games, check out these 10 fun games to play outside with kids! Happy Playing! These quiet games for kids feature creative challenges to calming contests. And they're great for wind down or when you need to keep high energy kids busy while waiting. The games will tone down the volume! Research shows that these mini periods of silence are a great way to reset the mind. Kids can see a spike in creativity, focus, self-regulation, and comprehension. As well as a calming effect. It's a win! But how do you get your kids to engage in quiet time? Keep reading to find out! This articles contains affiliate links. See my disclaimer for more. Enter your email and I'll send the link straight to you. To make it even quieter, call it the "whisper game." How to Play: Sit in a circle or a line and whisper your phrase into the first person's ear. From there, each person whispers to the next exactly what they heard. Once you get to the end, the last person reports to the group what they heard. The object of the game is to see how close you can get to the original word or phrase. Fun Phrases to Try: I'm the boss, applesauce! She can speak to trees. I put a spell on you. I built a giant robot to take over the world. Liar liar, pants on fire! See more fun telephone phrases for kids >> This is like the game above but requires no speaking. Each person draws a quick picture and then passes it to the next person. The second person has to guess what it is and draw it from memory. Keep passing it until you get to the end. The last person shows their drawing and what they think the original picture was. Choose a category and write down words silently. Score points for unique answers. 1. Determine the letter for the round. (Letters Q, U, V, X, Y, and Z are excluded) 2. Start a 3-minute timer. 3. All players write words that start with the letter for each category on the list of 12. 4. When the time is up, players share their words. Each unique answer scores points, but common answers with opposing players cancel out. See more about Scattergories and fun word lists >> Also try these Fun and Easy Whiteboard Games >> Use only gestures to give Simon Says instructions. Players act out words or phrases without speaking, while their team tries to guess what they're portraying. It's a game that tests imagination and non-verbal communication skills. See a great list of Charades Words >> Engage kids quietly by turning an activity they like to do into a challenge! Coloring relaxes the mind and body. See who can color the brightest lion. Or draw the most creative candy castle. Got builders? Try these free Lego Challenge Cards! Make a list of items to find without talking. Try this nature scavenger hunt or Pirate treasure hunt. This game includes talking, but it's an EASY way to keep kids engaged without a lot of work (and noise). One player chooses an object within sight and says, "I spy with my little eye, something that is [color or characteristic of the object]." Other players then take turns guessing the object until someone identifies it correctly and becomes the next "spy." Each person writes down two true statements and one false statement about themselves on a piece of paper, without revealing which is the lie. Then, everyone exchanges papers, reads each other's statements, and guesses which one is the lie. After all guesses are made, players reveal their lies and see who guessed correctly! Find the trickiest two truths and lie ideas >> Give everyone paper and see who can create the coolest origami (silently). Check out this origami book to help learn! The rules are simple. No talking is allowed. And once the timer goes off, players must stand perfectly still! How To Play: Split your group in half. Half of the participants draw an animal out of a hat. The other half will be guessing. Set a timer for five minutes and have each person that's going to be a statue quietly gather two props (if they need them). When they return, players pose as their assigned animal. The remaining half of the group tries to decipher which animal each person is pretending to be. You can do this with animals, occupations, action verbs, and more! This is a great game for big groups! How To Play: 1. Choose seven players to be "it" and have everyone else sit at their desks or around a table with their heads down, eyes closed, and thumbs up. 2. The seven players walk quietly around the room and each lightly taps one seated player on the thumb. If you're tapped, you must keep your thumb down. 3. Once all seven players have tapped someone, the game leader calls, "Heads up, seven up!" Everyone who was tapped lifts their heads. 4. The tapped players stand up and try to guess who tapped them. If they guess correctly, they swap places with the player who tapped them and become the new "it" in the next round. First, pick a leader to be in the front of the line or room. The leader does silent movements (skipping, tiptoeing, etc) that everyone else copies. If anyone makes a noise, they have to move to the back of the line. Switch leaders every few minutes. Start by having the kids close their eyes while you hide an object in the room. Then, give the kids three minutes to find the hidden object. (They must be silent during their search.) If they have not found the object within 3 minutes you can give a clue or hide the object in a different place. How to Play: 1. Pick two children to stand at the front of the room. Have one child face the wall while the other child faces the rest of the kids. 2. The child facing the kids will then take the "bone" (can be any object) and hide it in one student's desk. 3. The students then say "Doggie Doggie, where's your bone?". 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Quiet time is essential to teach independence and promote pretend play in young children. Alone time and daily quiet time is important for everyone. One in particular may even help them fall asleep! Helping then reflect on their day and what they've learned. Promotes alertness. Helps children relax. Promotes problem solving. Promotes pretend play and day dreaming. Helps with concentration. Teaches your child to plan ahead. Also, kids who get daily alone time are 10% happier! Related: Check out these other quiet games and activities for kids. This DIY clipping toy is a great quiet time activity for younger kids! This DIY clipping toy can keep kids quietly entertained and also working on fine motor skills. This no sew quiet book is perfect for toddlers! It is 11 pages of felt educational fun. I love different things that are not only fun, but work on other things such as fine motor skills. Jewelry is a great way to have fun! 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Use whatever felt pieces you can to create scenes. This is such a good idea and not only is a great time, but promotes pretend play. Who knew there were so many benefits of quiet time. Let's make a foam snowman! This is a fun quiet box! You use foam balls, a felt hat, scarf, and buttons and gems to decorate a snowman. Quiet time is hard for some kids, but learning to slow down and be quiet is good for everyone to learn. Set up his own little pillow area complete with books, music, and a snack! Turn paper and magnets into fun puzzles. Use the magnets as stencils, outline them, hang up your paper, and then let your child figure out which magnet goes where. Teaching your kids to make their own fun can be great for quiet time and promoting pretend play with all the quiet games they can make up! We aren't meant to entertain our kids all the time. They need to learn to be independent and how to entertain themselves sometimes without the help of electronics. Provide the materials, set a timer, and let them go! Use a plastic colander and scrap ribbons to create a fun game for toddlers. Put the ribbons through the colander holes and tie knots at each end. Your child will have fun pulling the ribbons in and out of the colander. Use sticky paper and felt to create these cute and colorful love bugs. You could even make other bugs if you wanted, but this is a great Valentine activity that promotes some quiet time. Fun with your imagination Encourage pretend play using felt. Use felt to make various landscapes and let your child play with different animals and toys on them. Use velcro and peg dolls to create these cute and fun dress up peg dolls. Add yarn for hair, happy faces, and cut out your own clothes for them. It's such a cute and fun activity and makes me thing of the fun paper dolls we used to dress up as kids. Learn about colors and rainbows with this quiet time activity. You can even make it a quiet time game by labeling each color! Make a felt rainbow and then cut out each name for each color and laminate it. This makes a good quiet time game which not only teaches about Noah's story in the Bible and learning the names of the colors. Promote quiet time by letting your child make a super neat fairy door. It's a great outdoor decoration, but promotes creativity and imagination as well. Do you remember this game? This was one of my favorite games in elementary school and requires you to be quiet. There are also variations on this game to keep it exciting for different sized groups. Promote pretend play with this craft. Make an airplane and a train, complete with "smoke" coming out of it's stack and let your child play away the afternoon. Portable car play set! Make a playset using felt, pom poms, jumbo popsicle sticks and other items to create a portable playset your child can drive cars around on. Busy boxes are perfect for quiet time activities and quiet time games. You can have a different one each day of the week! Keep your little one busy and quiet every day of the week! These busy boxes have 5 days, each with a different activity that includes: letters, I-Spy, shapes puzzles, dough sets, and paint by sticker. This quiet time box has so many activities! Coloring, threading pipe cleaners, felt counting game, reading, and even felt egg decorating! Make each day of the week exciting with these busy boxes. Each box has a 15 minute activities. There are fine motor skill activities, life skill activities, books, puzzles, etc. Traveling doesn't have to be stressful! Keep your children quiet with these awesome travel busy bag ideas. Learn to count, work on fine motor skills, problem solve with Legos, play games like road trip Bingo, and more! Keep nine quiet activities together and ready to go with this travel activity bag. These easy busy bags are perfect for toddlers and preschoolers needing quiet games to learn how to keep themselves busy. These 5 easy busy bags with bottle caps are perfect for quiet time. Most of these bags can be easily put together in under 10 minutes. Keep an activity box that has lots of simple activities like stickers, pipe cleaners and finger puppets. Popsicle sticks are the best. They're cheap, they come in bulk, and you can use them to preoccupy kids when you need a few minutes. Turn them into busy bags that include: magnets, puzzles, and even puppets. Have a busy bag for every day of the week! You can include stories, stuffed toys, puzzles, games, sensory activities, and more! Promote quiet time and independent play with this "My Quiet Box". Fill the box with paper, markers, tape, stencils, and stickers. You can also add other things like foam letters, felt and scissors, beads and pipe cleaners, and foam dolls, as well as other fun games and activities. Let's make color sorting bags! Sort buttons into their respective color felt bag. This is a fun matching game that also teaches about colors! It's a simple, but fun, busy bag. Promote pretend play and inspire your kids imagination with this quiet invention box game Have a creative child? This invention box is a perfect way to keep them busy. Fill a box with popsicle sticks, glue, stickers, string, googly eyes, and more! Make sure you don't add anything that requires supervision as this promotes independent play. Here is a list of 10 busy bags with matching activities. Each one is filled with fun ideas, activities, crafts, and free printables. Learn how to count and ABC's all at once. Well not at once, but this is such a fun matching game. Sort the numbers, capital letters, and lower case letters to its correct box. Train fun! Use mini trains and DIY train track sheets to keep your child busy. They can count out the train tracks and then count out the correct amount of mini trains to add to each card. Use paint chips, or swatches, to create 7 different busy bags. Turn them into color matching games, puzzles, color swatch rings, patterns, and more. Here is 5 busy bag ideas using pipe cleaners. Use them to string beads, drop them into tubes, use magnets with them, make shapes, and use them to count and stack noodles. Make a busy bag using felt butterflies and pretty gems, buttons, and beads. Your child can then decorate different colored butterflies over and over again! Promote pretend play and practice fine motor skills with these quiet time pipe cleaner games. Using a strainer and piper cleaners you can not only help your child develop better fine motor skills, but inspire pretend play by turning this activity into a robot helmet. This does require adult supervision, but it is a great activity that not only promotes quiet time, but enhances your preschoolers fine motor skills. Fill your cutting box with: old mail, magazines, receipts, wrapping paper, and more! Clothespin busy bag Here is a list of 20 fine motor activities using clothespins. Each one is perfect for toddlers and preschoolers, promotes quiet time, and is educational. Pom poms are cheap, soft, colorful, and perfect for quiet fine motor activities. Use tweezers to move them from plate to plate. Use your toes to move them from the ground to a bucket and back! Teach your child to lace with foam shapes that have holes in them and colorful string. Not only will this keep them busy and is a fun connect the dots type activity, but this can also be translated into sewing later which is an important life skill. This straw drop game is the perfect quiet game that is also perfect fine motor skill practice. Work on fine motor skills while learning about matching and colors with this straw drop game. It's simple, fun, and all you need is straws, paint, and an empty oatmeal container (or any other cylindrical container.) Decorate your felt dinosaurs with other felt pieces to create colorful and unique dinosaurs. This could also be a great lesson in science too, to teach about herbivores and carnivores. We all remember the song of the Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly, but you can turn it into quiet play with this fun game where you feed the "old lady" the fly and other animals. It also includes a free printable to help you set up the game. These free printables will encourage your child to play with blocks, but to also accept these various black challenges that teaches then different shapes like triangles, hexagons, squares as well as familiar objects like houses, trees, and a truck. Practice fine motor skills with crazy straws and felt. Make rainbows, patterns, and color coordinate the straws to the let circles. There is even a video to show you how to set this game up. Can you build all the buildings with this fun quiet game? Here is a list of fun fine motor skill activities. There is something for all ages! For babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and even bigger kids around 6 and up. These 10 fall activities are all scissor skills. Practicing cutting promotes better fine motor skills and is a lot of fun. However, with cutting activities children will need adult supervision. Weave straws on a light table. Weaving is a fun activity and a forgotten skill that can translate to other projects. But this project in general helps build better fine motor skills and is a fun and colorful activity. String fun! Use string to wrap around letters! Not only will this be a great, and more difficult, way to practice fine motor skills, but it is a great way to learn colors and letters! Use a box to make a shape sorter! Make it colorful and bright, cut holes for the letters, and then use these free printables to create the 3D shapes and let your little one go trying to get all the shapes in! Feed the monster with this fun quiet game! Turn an old empty of tub of wipes and turn it into a monster! The gather pom poms, buttons, and other small trinkets to feed it! Once it is filled up, empty it out and let them start again. This fine motor skill busy bag is focused around paper clips! Add paper clips to laminated dots, connect the paper clips to make jewelry, and squish some playdough with them. Use an old canister with a plastic lit to create a hole big enough for pom poms. Then let your little one use tongs to manipulate the pom poms through the hole. This takes a lot of coordination and is great practice for their fine motor skills. Use a shower curtain to create a a racetrack and town. Inspire pretend play by letting your child race their cars around. For a bonus activity, let them color in the buildings. Here are 3 cup twisting fine motor games each one is unique, different, and fun. Race the red car from start to finish, eat the numbers, and fly the butter fly to the flowers to it can eat! Practice fine motor skills with this fun quiet game! Can you cut through all the dots? Use paper and draw lines and let your child use bingo stampers to trace the lines, and then let the practice cutting, by cutting along the dotted lines. We found a list of 10 fine motor activities using velcro rollers. Velcro rollers are generally used to curl hair, but they stick together and come in many different shapes and colors and can be used for so many activities. This craft is absolutely beautiful and can be used as a Thanksgiving centerpiece. You'll use pipe cleaners to make a tree with limbs and your child can then add orange, red, and yellow pom poms and acorns to make it look like a tree in the fall. These sensory balls are perfect for quiet play and quiet games! Toss them back and forth or toss them in a bowl! So many uses! Make these squishy sensory balls for your kids to play with during their quiet time. Make this glowing sensory bottle for your kids and let them sit down in a quiet place to shake and count the stars. Promote different textures by using this comparing bag to compare different textures. Wood feels different than carpet, nuts feel different than bolts. It's a very educational sensory activity. This sensory bin focuses on visuals. Using color changing light cubes in a bin filled with tin foil. Sounds simple, but the result is visually beautiful as the lights reflect and dance around the bin. Does your child have sensory processing disorder? Here are some ways to promote quiet time with sensory play that includes a "sensory diet" and "sensory interventions." Calm down and breathe with this simple calming basket. This calming basket has everything your child needs to calm down and promote quiet time. There is a story book, a wheat bag you can heat up, Chinese meditation balls, a squishy bag with glitter, and a discovery bottle. These bubbly sensory bottles are not only cool because the harder you shake the more bubbles there are, but they actually turn colors too. Plus, they can also promote pretend play as well. Make a sensory tub based around the I-Spy game. Search through the tubs and items to find all the pictures on each card. It's a fun texture and matching game. This calm down sensory bottle is filled with a thick oil liquid with small transport beads. Let your child learn to calm and breathe while watching the beads slowly move to and fro. Want a calm down sensory bottle that has no liquid? This straw and cotton calm down bottle is perfect. It's silent and only requires a flashlight to explore the different colors that come through the sensory bottle. Sensory friends are so easy to make and perfect for quiet play and quiet games. Bedtime buddies are a great sensory friend. They're soft, some are squishy, and some are filled with beans and rice, but they are all cuddly and calming with the scent of Lavender. These rainbow sensory bottles are perfect for calming down. Let your child shake up these colorful bottles and watch as the glitter and pom poms float up and down and settle. We all talk about sensory bottles, but what about sensory boards? Stick different textures on boards like feathers, noodles, sequins, mesh, glitter, etc. Want to help promote quiet time with sensory bags? Here is a guide teaching you how to start making them and a list of ideas to try out. Use chip clips to create different monsters to munch on pom poms and pieces of pipe cleaners. Your child can practice their fine motor skills, and if you use the same colors as the chip clips you can turn it into a matching game. Pom poms and pipe cleaner quiet games for toddlers are perfect for learning colors and shapes and sizes! Use pipe cleaners and pom poms to inspire some quiet playtime. Let your child feel the rough and soft textures and even color coordinate the items. Make beautiful art by using the crinkly tissue paper. Roll is, ball it, crush it, wrinkle it, and then poke it into a foam block. So not only will they get to feel the texture of foam and tissue paper, but it'll be great fine motor skills practice. This is such a fun sensory game. It is a twist on the traditional matching game. Glue different textures onto cards and let your child touch and match each of them. Make your sensory bin more exciting by adding smell to it. Using sugar and Jell-O you can write, blow, build, and taste it. Citrus was used in this activity, but you can use whatever flavor you like. Color and relax with these quiet time coloring pages! Print off some of our coloring pages and let them sit and color during their quiet time. Make sensory bins simple using items like coffee beans, bubbles, pebbles, rocks, and other little items you have around the house. Use blocks to trace and create big trucks, little trucks, and cars. Then take some time to color in each picture your little one traced. Use these videos to teach your child about geometry, differences, while turning it into beautiful drawings that they can color! Change it up, use colored paper and different colored utensils. I think a silver sharpie on a black piece of construction paper would make this look even cooler. Spend some time creating trees and using Q-Tips to color the leaves. Make green leaves for spring and summer. Then make a tree with fall and winter colors. Learn about the seasons with this fun art project. Chalk art and play! Create beautiful art! Make chalk art a little more unique by using a prism to help make art. Trace the light the prism makes! Depending on the angle of the light, the prism cast halos, rays, and reflections. Create symmetrical sticker art using round stickers, scissors, and paper. Create patterns, flowers, and more! It looks very similar to zentangle art. Use stickers to create art, to trace with, to match, sort, turn into puppets and more. Who knew stickers were so versatile. Keep your child busy by letting them create refrigerator art, literally! Using crayons, magnets, stencils, and paper your child can spend time creating all sorts of lovely pictures. Use the printable shapes to help your child make awesome art with colored match sticks or toothpicks. Make rocket ships, castles, stars, hexagons, and more! This free printable has 3 different templates to keep the fun going. This is a fun quiet time craft you can do together! Use crayons, paper, card stock, and a hairdryer to create beautiful art. It's a fun messy project, but does require some adult supervision. Make rubbing cards by using a hot glue gun on cardboard. Once it is dried you will have hard glue. Use paper and crayons to color over it and create each of the shapes! These quiet games are perfect for kids of all ages! Create fossils by squishing toys into salt dough. Bake it so it is hard and then let your child match the toys to the "fossils." Unfortunately this craft involves no chocolate, but that doesn't stop it from being fun. Use chocolate molds to let your child turn playdough into fun shapes and characters. Make playdough exciting by adding these free printable playdough mats to your child's playdough station. There are people playdough mats, nature ones, summer, garden, shapes, and more! Be sure to laminate them so they last longer. Looking for more playdough mats for your playdough station? Here is a list of 100 free printable playdough mats you can laminate and use over and over again. The winter can be rough with people being sick, not going outside, missing school because of weather. This holiday sensory box is perfect fun! Touch candy, gems, magnets, buttons, ribbons, and anything else festive you may have. Make some quick cloud dough and let kids have fun by squishing, smashing, and creating with it! This STEM activity is educational, quiet, and fun! Give your kids the building pieces and let them create a marshmallow tower. They can break it down and reconstruct a new one again and again. It is a great STEM activity. Make a simple busy bag with a pencil pouch, pom poms, and some free printables. Your kids will be able to not only match the colors on the caterpillar, but learn to count as well! These printables are available in English, French, and Spanish. Use this printable to cut felt into facial features for a quiet felt shapes game. Make them a shapes and colors busy bag with these free printables. If you let your kids have screen time, letting them play some of these educational apps may be a great quiet time activity. Have fun with all these puzzle apps. Screen time isn't always bad! Too much screen time isn't good for anyone, but small amounts are okay especially when it is used to for education. These puzzle apps are great for smaller kids like toddlers and preschoolers and will help you get a little quiet time. Learn lower case and upper case letters with this alphabet heart matching game. Each side of the heart has 1 upper case and 1 lower case letter. Put it together to create a colorful heart. Make quiet time educational by letting your child learn about letters, words, and colors! Use large dot markers to fill in the white dots on each letter. Worksheets are great for older kids, but most toddlers and even some preschoolers are not going to be able to sit down and do them. Instead, use painters tape on the floor and let them trace the lines with blocks, cars, or any other small toy. Quiet books are filled with different activities and is such a fun way to promote quiet time, fine motor skills, and even learning. Learn about shapes and colors with this fun busy bag. This busy bag is based on the book Monster Knows Shapes and allows your child to make all sorts of shapes. They can make kites, houses, dogs, and more. Use paint samples to make free and easy puzzles. Cut them in different shapes. You can make the easy or you can make the more difficult. Reading is such a great way for kids to grow their vocabulary! This Dr. Seuss book and craft is a fun activity to learn words, and recreate the story itself. Read these Mo Willems books and try out these fun felt crafts based around each book. It's a fun way to not only spend time together reading, but a great way for them be kept busy afterwards as they recreate the stories. Use these free printables to create this upper and lower case matching game. Learn your ABC's, lower, and capital letters, while working on problem solving skills. Make a dinosaur with toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls This activity requires a little screen time, but mainly to look at dinosaur bones so your child can copy and recreate it with toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls. Create a super cute felt lady bug and use these free printables to play a counting game. Each card has a number on it and then use the black dots to touch to each number. Practice simple sight words by creating these DIY word searches. This will keep your child busy and help build their reading and vocabulary skills. Make flowers with felt, but turn it into a counting game. Use foam numbers and randomly pick one and then add that number of petals to each flower. Make math fun by turning it into a game. In this game your child will be able to learn to count, count with tally marks, and match the two up. Learn to count with this fun counting dot printable. Use this free printable to teach your child to count. Use: stickers, dot markers, pebbles, crayons, pom poms, or even playdough to fill in each dot. Looking for quiet play activities and ways to make circle time more fun? Then check out these great ideas! From flash cards, to games that work on hand-eye coordination, to stuffed animals, and books…younger children will love all of these fun activities. They will bring hours of fun! All family members will love these super-fun games. More Quiet Time Activities For Kids Activities Blog: Which quiet time activity for kids is your favorite? Let us know in the comments we'd love to hear from you. And we have an entire list of Fun Family Games to Play that you'll love! Every parent needs some super-fun games that kids can play quietly. Why? Because we're all faced with situations where our kids need to be quiet for thirty minutes or more — and that's not the easiest task for a kid! Here are some super-fun games and activities that require little or no supplies to keep your kids quiet and entertained. Some of these games I played in school when my teacher needed to grade tests. There were at least 20 of us kids, but the room was un-earthly quiet when our teacher told us to occupy ourselves with these games. Some of these games are also fun things that my kiddos and I made up to keep them entertained and quiet during long road trips, waiting times and while I am cooking dinner. These games can come in handy at just about any time of the day! Keeping kiddos quiet AND happy is a super sneaky trick that all moms and teachers need to have up their sleeves. These games are much better than shooing your kids into a room to watch a movie. And these screen-free activities are awesome ideas too! Keeping kids occupied lets them know you want them to be quiet — but happily engaged in a learning, connecting activity. If you are in an airport, a waiting room or anywhere that needs kids to sit quietly, try these games instead of repeatedly shushing your kids…ha! Many of these games work for ages three and up, but some are only appropriate for school-age children. Feel free to adapt these games to your child's level. There are many variations to this game. We play it in the car, in a public place and even at the dinner table. The simplest version is just to pick the quietest to start the game. The person that starts the game then picks the next quietest child, and then that child picks the next quietest child. Even though this is simple, kids do not normally tire of this game until about 30 minutes. A different twist, is to have the kids sit in a circle and have the first person walk around and gently tap the quietest person's head. They then take that person's spot and the next person walks around the circle and pats the next quietest person. This version seems to entertain kids for a longer period of time. Many of you probably already know this game, but never thought about using it for quiet time. Have the kids sit in a circle and choose a person to begin. That person whispers a phrase into the person's ear beside them and then that person whispers to the next person. The phrase cannot be repeated so it is very important that all the kids stay quiet so everyone can hear the message. At the end, have the last person say the message out loud to see how silly the message turned out! It's a little morbid, I know, but dead people don't move or talk. All kids lie on the ground, close their eyes and don't move. Choose one person to stand up and pick the best dead person. Or, have the first person stand up and watch the others. When someone moves or talks, they are out. The person standing up lets the others know when they are out. Choose a small stuffed animal for this game. You can always keep one in your purse or diaper bag. Have the kids sit in a circle and give the stuffed animal to the quietest person. That person then gently tosses the stuffed animal to someone in the circle. Whoever drops the stuffed animal, talks or throws the stuffed animal out of the circle is out. This simple game always brings a smile! Quietly whisper to the kids what kind of statue you want them to make. Some ideas are a monkey, elephant, mommy, daddy, policeman, bear, tiger or even a silly hamburger statue! At the count of three, the kids have to freeze into their statue and then you pick the best statue. That person then whispers to the kids what kind of statue to make next, and so the game repeats. Remember, statues don't move or talk! A reader suggested this game, and I Love it! Choose a child to look at the other children and make silent silly actions. Anyone that laughs is out and has to sit out for three consecutive rounds. Switch up monkeys to keep the quiet fun going! Keep a bottle of bubbles in your purse. You're guaranteed some quiet fun! Keep a variety of bubble wands in a separated baggy to add to the fun! Need some bubble activity ideas? Snag them here. There are lots of new apps and learning games on the smart phones now. Take a quiet night, when the kids are asleep, and go through and pick your favorite. Load everything so it is ready to go when you are in a situation where you need the kids to be quiet. Surprise them with a new game or activity to play on your phone! My brothers and I did this all the time on long car rides. It took us quite a while before we were bored with these one. I still play it with my kids on road trips. Both players should place their thumbs in mid-air, facing one another. With the right hand fingertips, instruct a child to grab their opponent's right hand fingertips and clasp tight together. Start with a beginning thumb bow, and then chant, "One, two, three four, I declare a thumb war!" Then, let the wrestling begin! First one to pin the other thumb down for five counts wins! Does anyone not know how to play this game? Just in case, each player makes a fist and hits their own hand while saying "Rock, paper, scissors!" On the word scissors each player makes a rock, paper or scissors motion with their hand. Rock beats scissors, paper beats paper, and paper beats rock. Once your kids know how to do this game out-loud, they can easily play it silently. This was my favorite game in school! You need a large group for this one, but I just adapt it for our family. The original way is to tell all the players to put their heads down on a table with their thumbs up. Seven people are chosen to walk around and pick seven players. We'll call those players the "tappers." The people that are choosing the players gently tap the thumbs of the children that are sitting down. They can only tap one person. After the group that is doing the tapping has each tapped one person, they all return to the front of the room. Everyone can then look up. If a child had his thumb tapped, he then stands up and tries to guess which one of the tappers tapped his thumb. Repeat and switch out "tappers." Keep some scratch paper and pencils in your purse so your kiddos can play tic-tac-toe at any given moment. My three and four-year-old have still not comprehended the winning strategy of this game, but love drawing x's and o's! Here's a printable tic-tac-toe game ready to go, and perfect for using blocks! Choose a random name (shorter for younger children, longer for older kids) and write it down the left hand side of the page, one letter under another. Now give everybody 5 minutes to write down as many first names as they can think of which begin with the letters in that name. Score one point for each name that you come up with. You can make the scoring more exciting by awarding two points for any name that no-one else comes up with! Place Skittles or M and M's in a clean, see-through container. Split up players into teams. Each team player needs to close his eyes and pick one piece of candy from the jar….no talking! Assign points for each colored candy and see which team can reach 100 points! Choose a flower with many petals, like a daisy or a rose. Place the flower in front of the children and ask them to study it for a few minutes. Then ask them to guess how many petals it has and write down the number. Now pull off the petals carefully and, together, count the number of petals. Whoever had the most accurate guess, wins! Choose five or ten socks. Hide one object from around the house in each sock. Let each person feel the socks, but no peeking! Assign each sock a number and have the kids number a piece of paper. Have them write down their guesses on the paper, and then slowly reveal the hidden objects and see who guessed correctly! My kids love this classic game! To play the quiet version, you simply play without speaking. If someone speaks, they lose a turn! Share your quiet game ideas with us on Facebook! *Affiliate links have been added to help you keep these quiet games in your parenting stash!* As a mom of two vivacious girls, I've come to appreciate the delicate balance between their need for fun and my need for a bit of peace and quiet. Let's face it, things can get pretty noisy around here! I have created a list of fun quiet games for kids so we can give our ears a much-needed break. 1. Sensory Bins: Create a sensory bin filled with rice, beans, or water beads. Add different shapes, pipe cleaners, and pom poms. Younger children will love exploring the textures and colors, practicing their fine motor skills in complete silence. 2. Busy Bags: Prepare busy bags with simple activities like matching cards, simple puzzles, or cotton balls with tweezers. It's a great way to keep toddlers quietly engaged. 3. Silent Monkey See, Monkey Do: The first person performs a quiet action, like hugging a stuffed animal. The next person copies and adds a new action. It's a simple game that encourages imitation and memory skills. 4. Pom Pom Stuff: Provide your toddler with a bunch of colorful pom poms and an empty bottle or a container with a small opening. Show them how to push the pom poms through the opening one by one. This simple activity is great for fine motor skill development and can keep them quietly focused for quite some time. 5. Quiet Time Busy Boards: Create or purchase a busy board equipped with a variety of latches, locks, knobs, and switches. Busy boards are fantastic for toddlers, offering sensory and fine motor skill activities that are engaging and, most importantly, quiet. They can spend a long time exploring different mechanisms, all in complete silence except for the soft sounds of their exploration. 1. Tic Tac Toe: A classic game that only requires a piece of paper and a pair of scissors (for making the game pieces or play it on a board). It's a fun activity that can be played in complete silence, perfect for older children. 2. Silent Ball: A group game where the game leader throws a soft ball to someone in a large circle, and the rest of the class must remain in complete silence. A bad throw or loud catch means you're out. It teaches hand-eye coordination and self-control. 3. Oreo Cookie Face Race: Place an Oreo cookie on the forehead, and the first player to move it to their mouth without using hands wins. It's a silly game but requires concentration and is a great way for older kids to have fun quietly. 1. Telephone Game: Sit in a circle, and the first person whispers a message into the next person's ear. The game repeats around the circle until the last person says the message out loud. It's a classic game that's perfect for small groups and teaches listening skills. 2. Dead People: In this game, one person is the detective, and the rest of the students play dead. The detective leaves the room, and a 'killer' is chosen. The killer winks at people to 'kill' them, and the detective has to guess who it is. It's a great activity for quiet time with friends. 3. Quiet Animal Guessing: One person thinks of an animal, and the rest ask yes or no questions to guess it. It's a fun game that encourages quiet questioning and thinking. 4 Build a Story: This game starts with a single sentence written on a piece of paper by the first person. The paper is then folded so only the last word can be seen, and passed to the next person who adds their own sentence. This continues until everyone has contributed. Then, the paper is unfolded to reveal the often silly or unexpected story that was collaboratively created. This game is a fantastic way for older kids to engage in creative writing and have a lot of laughs without making much noise. 5. Quiet Quests: Create a series of quiet quests around your home or classroom. Each quest involves solving a riddle or puzzle that leads to the next clue. For example, the first clue could lead them to a book on a shelf, inside which they'll find the next clue tucked on a specific page, and so on. The final clue leads to a small prize or the satisfaction of completing the quest. It's a great way for kids to engage in problem-solving and exploration in a quiet and respectful manner. 1. Silent Reading: Create a cozy corner with a selection of books for different reading levels. It's a quiet activity that promotes literacy and a love for reading among students of all ages. 2. Sensory Bottles: Have the students make their sensory bottles using water, glitter, food coloring, and small items. It's a quiet yet engaging craft activity that can also be used as a calming tool. 3. Quiet Classroom Games: Use interactive whiteboard games or educational apps for quiet, educational activities. These can be great for individual or group learning without raising the noise level. 1. Puzzle Games: There are many online platforms offering puzzle games that challenge the mind without any noise. It's a great way to engage kids of all ages in problem-solving. 2. Educational Game Sites: Websites like ABCmouse or Funbrain offer a range of quiet, educational games that cover everything from math to reading and science. 3. Virtual Board Games: Many classic board games have online versions that can be played quietly on tablets or computers, perfect for play dates or quiet time at home. 1. Cotton Ball Race: Each player gets a straw and races to move cotton balls from the starting line to the finish line using only the straw. It's a fun and easy quiet game. 2. Whispered Stories: In the dark, take turns telling a part of a story, whispering so only the next person can hear. It's a great way to build a story together quietly. 3. Stuffed Animal Hide and Seek: Hide a stuffed animal somewhere in the room, and the first team to find it wins. It's a quiet game that adds a bit of excitement to sleepovers. Incorporating these fun quiet games into your routine is a great way to ensure your kids have fun without the noise. Whether it's through sensory play, classic table games, or educational activities, there's Good job! Please give your positive feedback How could we improve this post? Please Help us.