

SAY **it**
OR DO it

**A NEW
GAME-NIGHT
FAVE**

Brio

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When it comes to family games, we all know it's a delicate blend of dad jokes, mom laughs and good-natured eye rolling. While you might have several go-to game options that accomplish these reactions, here's one that will fit all that family fun into any time frame that works for you and your family. Whether you're lounging at home or on the go, it's time to try Say It or Do It.



INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.** Cut out the "Say It" and "Do It" prompts, and put them in a jar or bowl. Feel free to add your own prompts as well.
- 2.** Beginning with the youngest family member, each person will start his or her turn by selecting a slip of paper out of the jar and following the instructions on the paper. (It's OK to reuse prompts.) If you draw a slip with prompts on both sides, decide whether you'll take the "Say It" or "Do It" side before reading them.
- 3.** The game is over when your sides are sore from laughter. 🙄

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SAY it

P R O M P T S

If you could choose any animal for a pet, what would you choose and why? Don't limit yourself to known species only. Now give it a name, and add it to your wish list.

Where is one place you've always wanted to travel to and why? Who would you find waiting there, and what would they be holding when you arrived?

Which cartoon character are you most like? Give several examples that show how you're similar, and request to be referred to by this character's name for the remainder of the game.

How do you think the Geico gecko learned to speak so well? Do you believe it could make more money if it switched careers? Give reasons for why another career is a better occupation for it.

How much money do you think is too much money to make in one lifetime? Spend on a vacation? Use at an arcade? Give to a friend? Pay for a pair of shoes?

If you had to pick a family read-aloud book or book series to be stranded on a desert island with, which would you choose and why?

Announce your campaign to run for president of Mars. In your speech, cover why you did or didn't think humans would ever live on Mars, how people who have lived on Mars for 100 years would still be considered humans and if you believe those living on Mars should be granted dual-planetary citizenship.

Would you rather relax in a climate-controlled room, remote in hand, with a recliner comfortably beneath you, or would you choose to swing in a hammock, remote from your clan, with a gentle breeze in the leaves overhead? How could you make this a reality within the next five minutes?

What's your most embarrassing family memory to date? Don't leave out any of the important details: names, faces, places. Use your strong, outdoor voice—for the benefit of any unsuspecting listeners.

If you had a superpower, what would it be? What would you do to use that power to help yourself or others? Why?

If you could travel back in time, when and where would you go? Why? Describe the killer outfits you'd wear and the different activities you'd do—they have to match the time period!

If a movie was made about you and your life, who would play you, and who would play the other significant people in your life?

SAY it

P R O M P T S

Name a family member's greatest strength. What is something he or she does that inspires you? In addition, offer encouragement by recognizing how you see him or her working to improve or grow.

Close your eyes and point to a family member. Whoever it lands on, recount your favorite memory with him or her. Give details!

What was your favorite family vacation? Why? Was there a particular person or event that made it special?

How old do you think you have to be to fly to the moon? Explain why. If you could bring anyone with you to the moon, who would you take today? Explain why.

Ask each family members one thing they would want to do if they were your age right now. From all these suggestions, choose one to try to do.

What do you wish you could tell the dentist when your mouth is wide open and the dentist has asked you a question? Keep it polite!

Think about one song you'd like to sing at the top of your lungs in front of a large crowd.

What is one thing you'd like to tell your younger self? Why did you need to know this?

What is something your parents said to you growing up that made your eyes roll, but you realize how important it is now?

Describe the color you'd paint your nails if you could create your own color.

Describe what is under your bed right now.

What are your favorite and your least favorite meals for dinner?

SAY it

P R O M P T S

What is the scariest nightmare you've had?
Explain in detail.

What is the best prank that you or a friend
has ever played on anyone?

If you were to pretend to be sick to get out of
going to school, what would you say on the
phone to the school office?

If you were to sing in the shower, what would be
your go-to shower song?

What job do you dream of having?
What are you doing now to someday get there?

What is your worst habit?
Why is it worse than any of your other
bad habits?

When was the last time you were
completely bored? Explain.
What did you do about it?

If you could, who would you
switch places with for a day?

How often do you floss your teeth?

Are you a dog person or a cat person?
How do you know?

What is your biggest fear?

Which animated cartoon character
would you want to be and why?

SAY it

P R O M P T S

If you were to write a journal entry about the most exciting thing that happened this week, what would you write?

If a genie gave you three wishes, what would you wish for? (You can't wish for more wishes or to hurt anyone.)

Who was the first person you had a crush on? How did you get over this crush (or did you marry this person)?

What do you like best about a close friend?

What is your favorite and least favorite subject?

What was your childhood nickname? If you didn't have one, what do you wish was your childhood nickname?

Who would be the first person you'd call in a crisis? Why?

If you could create a sport, what would it be? What would be the three essential rules?

What are three important qualities you look for in a friend?

If you won a million dollars in the lottery, what would you do with it?

Create your own "Say It" prompt.

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Do it

P R O M P T S

Sing the national anthem like you're on TV, but all the microphones have suddenly stopped working. Be sure to keep your eyes shut, gesture wildly and perhaps forget some of the lyrics—just to keep it real.

Cluck like a chicken whenever someone says your name during the rest of the game.

Ad-lib a well-known children's song, like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" or "Three Blind Mice," but replace the words with your own special poem. For example, "Zip, Zip, Zip Your Coat" or "Free Fried Rice." Sing it with gusto!

Attempt to imitate each family member's laugh as accurately as possible. End your turn with a straight face, as if nothing happened.

Find an object nearby and hold a family auction for that object. Begin by describing the item, telling its fascinating backstory and remarking on its value. Then start the bidding. How high can you get your bids to go? Or how much will you have to pay someone just to take it off your hands?

Do your best rendition of "Amazing Grace"—as if you were playing the chorus on bagpipes. Hold nothing back. When you're finished, shout *encore!* and play one of the verses.

Be a contestant on your favorite talent-competition show that would be "the fastest-rejected audition." Demonstrate what you would do to get rejected.

Convince your family that you are an accomplished ballroom dancer with your fabulous one-minute "Dancing With the Stars" routine. Be sure to select a capable partner from your equally talented family of award-winning, professional dancers. Shine on!

Pretend to be your family pet. Do your best "impersonation."

Introduce yourself to members of your family, as though meeting them for the first time—but Old Western style. Be sure to speak slowly, pepper your speech with *yes, ma'ams* and *no, sirs* and frequently tip your cowboy hat.

Put your shoes on the wrong feet and wear your shirt inside out for the rest of the game.

Create the wackiest hairdo you can think of and wear it until your next turn.

Do it

P R O M P T S

Take a condiment of one of the other player's choosing and rub it on your cheeks.

Run around your house and sing your favorite song at the top of your lungs. The entire song—so make sure you know the words!

Act out a scene from your favorite musical—props are encouraged.

Act out your favorite movie in two minutes! Be as over-the-top dramatic and descriptive as possible.

Create your own tongue twister using the word *Brio*. Once you have, repeat it three times in a row. If you mess up, start again until you can get through it.

Bark the chorus of your favorite song. Have your family try to guess which song you chose.

Try to touch your foot to your nose.

Give yourself three minutes to write your own song—only the chorus will do. Create a dance to go along with it.

Play what's in the box!
Ask a family member to put an item in a box. Without looking, touch the object, and try to guess what it is. Keep going with different objects until you get one right.

Dress up like someone in your family. Talk and act like them for the rest of the game.

Meow like a cat whenever your name is mentioned for the rest of the game.

Sing whatever you say for the rest of the game. Opera is preferred.

Do it

P R O M P T S

Give someone a piggyback ride.

Dance around like a monkey
or another animal of your choosing
for 15 seconds.

Have a stare-off with the person to your right.

Attempt to do 10 pushups.

Moonwalk across the room.

Do your best impression.

Eat a mouthful of crackers, and try to whistle.

Go get (item of your choice in another room)
while wearing a blindfold.

Do your best Donald Duck impression.

Fake cry—bonus points for shedding a tear!

Let one person in your group give you a silly
hairstyle, and leave it until the end of the game.

For the rest of the game, every time someone
asks a question, you have to yell
“Mike Wazowski!”

Do it

P R O M P T S

Make up a poem about your favorite food.

Do the next "Do It" card drawn by another person.

Walk like a runway model.

Recite the alphabet backward in a sing-song voice.

Eat a snack without using your hands.

Act like a waiter, and take a snack order from every individual in the group. Serve them, and ask if they enjoyed the food.

Tell a corny joke in a really excited tone.

Come up with a list of celebrities that each of the other players look like in two minutes.

Speak in an accent of your choice for the rest of the game.

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