

Barrier Game Guidance

Barrier games are a fun way to develop children's speaking and listening skills. They can also be used to explore positional language.

These barrier games are designed for two players. Each player has a phonics grid sheet. The two players sit opposite each other. A barrier is placed between the two children (such as a book) so they are unable to see the other child's word grid.

1. Player A puts a coloured counter on a word on their sheet and then gives a simple, verbal instruction to Player B, for example: Put the counter on the word 'I'.
2. Player B listens, and then responds to the instruction.
3. The steps are repeated until both players have put all of their counters on the word grid.
4. At the end of the game, the barrier is removed and the children compare their pictures.

Instructions could be extended for children to listen to the colour of a counter that they need to place on the correct word e.g. Place a red counter on the word 'I'.

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