



Welcome to the Happy Talk Monkey Pack!



Happy Talk is a part of the HSE Speech and Language Therapy Service.

Happy Talk seeks to support language, literacy and learning skills of young children.





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This pack contains ideas and activities to play and use at home to help develop early language, literacy and learning skills.

We hope you enjoy these resources, and send photos of your drawings, make and do, and stories to us by email to aoife.oshea@hse.ie, by text or Whatsapp to 0876440177 or on Facebook (Happy Talk).

We look forward to seeing our regular Happy Talkers again in Cork City! Please note however, we are happy for this resource to be shared far and wide, and hope as many people as possible enjoy it.

All materials used in this pack are either generated by Happy Talk - HSE or are free to download online.

The activities in this pack are intended for children aged approximately 4 - 8 years. However that doesn't mean some of these activities can't be enjoyed by kids of all ages; even grown up kids!

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Happy Talk Mindful Moments

Happy Talk Mindful Moments are a chance to take a time out and to settle or energise your brain and body. Learning to pay attention can build great listening and learning skills. In these times it is normal to feel a little worried, and so a Happy Talk Mindful Moment is a great way to remain calm.



Monkey Sounds Mindful Moment

In this week's Mindful Moment we are going to pretend that we are monkeys & make some monkey sounds. First let's move our body to pretend we are monkeys. Crouch down & let your arm hang loose. Take 3 deep breaths to warm up for your monkey act. We will practice some short monkey sounds. Move your arms like a monkey or gorilla as you make these monkey sounds!

Oo! Oo! Oo! Oo! Taking short breaths between each Oo! Ah! Ah! Ah! Taking short breaths between each Ah! Uh! Uh! Uh! Uh! Taking short breaths between each Uh! Ee! Ee! Ee! Ee! Taking short breaths between each Ee!

To finish our Mindful Moment wake up your body by beating your chest like a gorilla and make your favourite sounds out loud!

Wow! It sounds like we are in the jungle!





Monkey Rhymes and Songs

The Climbing Funky Monkey
(To the tune of Incy Wincey Spider)

The climbing funky monkey climbed up the coconut tree,

(Pretend to climb up a tree!)

Down came a coconut and hit him on his knee,

(Look up and try to move out the way of the coconut!)

OUCH! (Hold your knee!)

Along came a lion, shaking his mighty mane,

(Pretend to be a roaring lion!)

And the climbing funky monkey climbed up the tree again!

(Quick! Climb up the tree again!)



Let's turn the Climbing Funky Monkey into a listening game!

- 1. Sing this rhyme together and play a 'Freeze' game.
- 2. Pick a leader and everyone must look at them with their eyes.
- 3. Sing and act out the song together.
- 4. When the leader puts their hand up, all the monkeys must freeze and stop singing.
- 5. Any silly monkey who doesn't freeze is out, but must keep singing. The last monkey standing is the winner!





5 Little Monkeys Swinging in the Tree

Alligator, Alligator Feeling Kind of Funny!

These two rhymes go together. They are like the first and the second part of a story.

For these two rhymes we will pretend to be Alligators!

Spread your arms wide like an alligator's mouth and snap
them shut! Wow! What big teeth you have!

5 Little Monkeys Swinging in the Tree

You are a very hungry alligator. First, let's see can you catch all the monkeys and gobble them up? Here we go!

5 little monkeys swinging in a tree,

(Swing your arms)

Along comes Mr. Alligator, Quiet as can be,

(Ssshhh - finger on lips)

Teasing Mr. Alligator, 'You can't catch me!'

(Thumb on nose, jiggle fingers!)

Agagand SNAP! A monkey fell from the tree!

(Open wide & snap your arms shut!)

Keep going until you have caught all the monkeys!

4 little monkeys swinging in a tree... 3... 2... 1...







Alligator, Alligator Feeling Kind of Funny!

5 monkeys is too much for any alligator!
Is your alligator tummy stuffed?
It must be!
Let's get those monkeys out of there!



Alligator, alligator, feeling kind of funny,

(Rub tummy)

'I think I have 5 monkeys jumping in my tummy!'

(Gently bounce hands on tummy!)

Alligator, alligator, open up your mouth,

(Open your mouth as wide as you can!)

And you will find a monkey might jump out!

(Big jump!)

Keeping going until the alligator's tummy is empty!

Alligator, Alligator, feeling kind of funny,

'I think I have 4 monkeys...' 3 monkeys.... 2 monkeys... 1 monkey...







Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Can you draw 5 monkey faces and cut them out for this game? If you can, stick something to each monkey to give them some weight, a small coin or piece of pasta would do. You will also need a tea towel or pillowcase! If you spread out and hold the four corners of the towel or pillowcase <u>tight</u>, you can make a bouncy bed. Put your monkeys on the 'bed' and make them jump!

5 little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head
Mammy called the doctor, and the doctor said
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"
(Don't forget to use your cross voice and face!)





4... 3... 2...

1 little monkey jumping on the bed,
She fell off and bumped her head,
Mammy called the doctor, and the doctor said
"Put those monkeys right to bed!"







Rhyme Time Voices and Games

Say the rhymes using the following games and activities.

Whisper



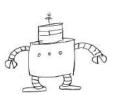
Laughing







Robot Voice







Slow Motion



When it gets a bit easier try these games:



out each beat out each word



Tap/drum/clap | Tap/drum/clap | Say every second word with your child

Leave words and see can your child fill the gaps



Make mistakes and see does your child spot them







Happy Talk Listening Rules

Look with your eyes

Listen with your ears

Mouth is closed

Feet on the ground

Hands are still









The Monkeeeeeeeey Listening Game

For this game we must really 'Listen with our ears.'

We will be listening for <u>end sounds</u>. Let's try to find some before we get started. Say each of these words and make the <u>end sound</u> really long, or say the <u>end sound</u> lots of times.

(Ah!) Banana: Bananagagaga aa aa aa (T!) Fat: Fat ++++ Monkeeeeeeyy (Ee!) Monkey: ee ee ee Climmmmmmmb (Mm!) Climb: mm mm mm (P!) Jump: Jump pppp



Now that you are very good at finding <u>end sounds</u>, the leader in this game must look around the room and call out something they can see. Work out the <u>end sound</u> in your head and put your hands on your head when you have it! Don't call it out; you'll give the answer away! The leader will check to see who had it right.

To make this game even trickier the leader can ask someone to come up with a word that that starts with the end sound you just found. Listen with your ears to see if they got it right!





How to Make a Monkey Mask

- Can you see all the things you will need by looking at the picture? A paper plate or two, spring, a scissors and colours.
- 2. Take the paper plate (or any card will do, a shoe box, cereal box) and cut a big circle out.
- Cut out 2 small holes on either side of the circle, slide a piece of string through these holes



- and tie a knot so the mask will stay on your head. Tie one side first and then the other so you can measure around your head and the mask won't fall off.
- 4. With help from a grown up, cut out two circles for your eyes so you can see where you're going as a monkey. A trick to cutting circles is to briefly fold the card and cut a half circle on the fold, when you unfold it, it will be a circle! Practice this trick on a piece of paper first!
- 5. Draw your monkey's face: What does he need?
- 6. Then cut out two more BIG circles and add these to the side for the monkey's ears.
- 7. Colour in your monkeys face.
- 8. You could give her some hair by drawing or using wool, pipe cleaners, rope, or anything else you can think of.
- 9. If you want, decorate him with stickers and colours.
- 10. Don't forget to give your monkey a name!





Help the Thinking Monkey Figure Out

'What am I?'

I'm long, and really fluffy. I have lots of hair and you can use me to swing.

IisT A

Lots of animals live in me. I mind them and keep them safe. People can visit me to see wildlife here.

00Z A

I'm really big and have lots of black hair on my face and arms. I am not a monkey. Sometimes I stand up and bang my chest when I'm angry.

A Gorilla

Monkeys love to eat me. I am yellow and long. I have lots of potassium in me.

A Banana

This is where monkeys live in the wild. There are lots of trees here and lots of other animals.

The Jungle

People know me for my pink bottom. I have a really long nose and sometimes its pink. I was Rafiki in the Lion King.

A Baboon

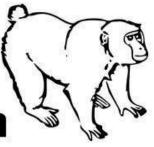




Name:



Monkey [†] Word Search



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AFRICA

GIBBON

RAINFORESTS

MONKEY

MANDRILL

ORANGUTANS

SWING

BABOON

LANGUR

BANANA

TAMARIN

JUNGLE

CHIMPANZEE

PYGMY

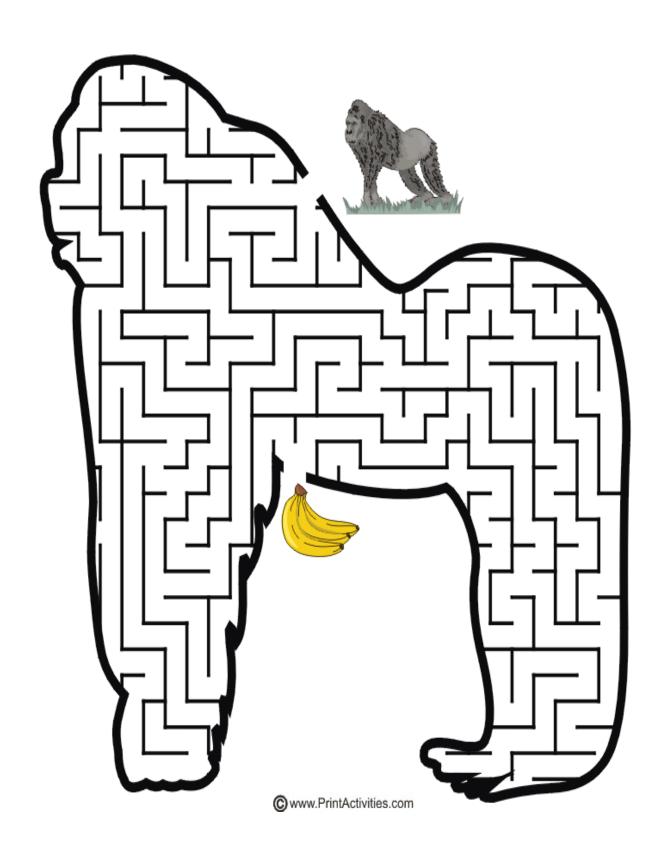
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Monkey Maze







Guess Who?

You will need a partner to play this game.

- 1. Look at the pictures below and pick your favourite one. Don't tell anyone which picture you picked.
- 2. Give your partner clues to help them figure out what is your favourite picture. But, you can't say what it is!

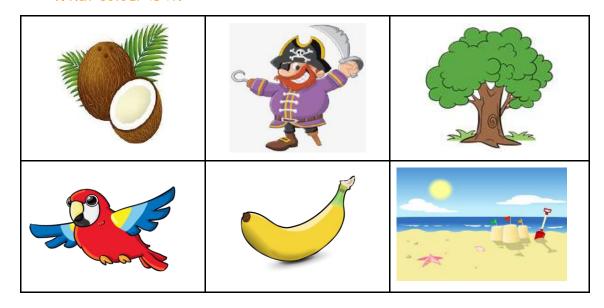
You can use these hints to help you make up some clever clues.

Always start with clue No. 1 What group does it belong to?

Examples of groups: Food, Fruit, Vegetables, Clothes, Toys, Transport, Furniture, Things in the Kitchen, Things that Grow, People, Places

- Where would you find it?
- What do you do with it?
- What parts does it have?
- What colour is it?

- What shape is it?
- What size is it?
- What sound does it start with?



To continue playing this game cut up pictures from magazines or catalogues.





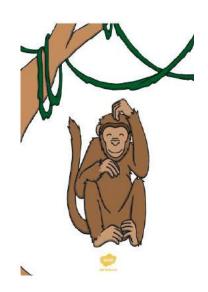
Where is the Monkey?

Fill in the blanks
Use these position words to finish each sentences:
under, next to, in front, on, under



1. The monkey is ____ the rock.

2. The monkey is the tree.





3. The monkey is _____ the rock.



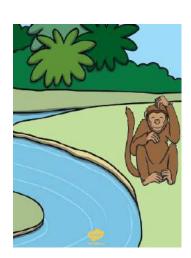






4. The monkey is _____ the rock.

5. The monkey is the river.



Answers

- 1. The monkey is on the rock.
- 2. The monkey is under the tree.
- 3. The monkey is behind the rock.
- 4. The monkey is in front of the rock.
- 5. The monkey is **next to** the river.





Let's Learn and Talk About Monkeys!

Let's learn all about monkeys! See all the facts below. Then we're going to talk about them! After you have learned all about monkeys <u>let's show off</u> all you have learned!

Pick someone to tell what you have learned.

If they live in your home talk to them. But if they don't, call them on the phone, or do a video chat, or write them a letter. Tell them all the things you have learned about monkeys!



You could start with:

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I have been learning all about monkeys. Can I tell you all about them? Did you know...

And tell them what you have learned!

You could also use these questions to test a grown up to see if they know their monkey business or make a Monkey Business Quiz! Use the pictures to help you remember!

If you are writing a letter don't forget to draw some pictures of your own!





All About Monkeys (Easy)

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Where do monkeys live?	In the JUNGLE In the FOREST In the TREETOPS	
What do monkeys eat?	Monkeys eat BANANAS, NUTS, FRUIT, SEEDS, LEAVES, FLOWERS, INSECTS	
What do monkeys look like?	Monkeys have BIG EARS Monkeys have a LONG TAIL Monkeys have a FACE like us Monkeys have FUZZY FUR	
What do monkeys do?	Monkeys like to PLAY Monkeys like to CLIMB Monkeys like to SWING Monkeys like to JUMP Monkeys like to MAKE SOUNDS Monkeys like to SPEND TIME WITH THEIR FAMILY	





All About Monkeys (Tricky)

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Do monkeys talk?	Monkeys don't speak words, but that doesn't mean they don't communicate. Baboons have a "language" of more than 30 sounds. They communicate through actions such as shrugging and lip smacking, too.	
Do monkeys know any maths?	Monkeys can understand written numbers and can even count.	
Why is a monkey's tail so important?	A monkey's tail helps with, touching, reaching, balancing and climbing. At the tip of the tail there is a patch of bare	1

skin. It acts like a human's

fingertips. It is sensitive to

that give the tail a better

monkeys think tails are very

grip. Of course Mammy

useful too!

touch and also has tiny ridges



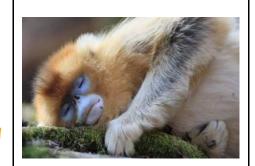


All About Monkeys (Tricky)

Do monkey	ys
go to bed	at
night?	

Almost all of them. The owl monkey (night monkey) is the only nocturnal monkey; they stay awake during the night, and sleep during the day.

All monkeys are good at taking naps though!



Do monkeys always hang out in groups and families?

Almost always, yes! A group of monkeys can be called a troop, a pack, a barrel, a carload, a cartload, or a tribe.



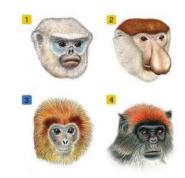
Do monkeys go to the dentist?

No, but scientists have seen female monkeys teaching their young how to clean their teeth and even how to floss!



What are Old World and New World Monkey?

Monkeys are often divided into Old World and New World monkeys, depending on where they live in the world. The New World monkeys live in the Americas. The Old World monkeys live in Asia and Africa.







Where do I belong?

Take three sheets of paper, or post-its and write these three headings to make three groups.

Monkeys sit or swing on me...



Monkeys live with me in the Jungle...



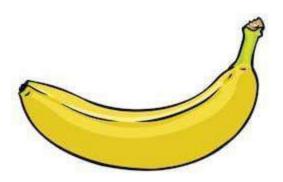
Monkeys eat and drink me...



Draw a picture on each page to remind you what the groups are e.g. a tree, a lion and a monkey. On the next pages there are lots of words waiting to be organised into these three groups.

Call out each word or look at each picture below one and by one and decide what group do they belong in.

Be careful! We are trying to trick you! We put some words/pictures in there that do not belong in any of these groups. Can you work out what group these things belong to?



Banana



Flowers

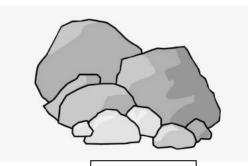


Tiger





Vines



Rocks



Nuts



Tree Stump



Apple



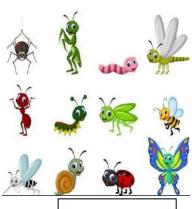
Chair



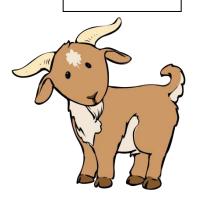
Monkey nuts



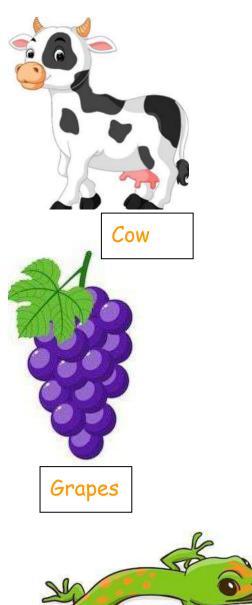
Snake



Insects



Goat











Branch of a tree







Maizy the Monkey Says!

This game is like Simon Says, but instead of Simon, Maizy the Monkey is in charge. Everyone at home can play this game. Take it in turns to pretend to be Maizy. When it's your turn to be Maizy you are the boss of the game!

Remember, if Maizy doesn't say it, you shouldn't do it.

Some ideas:

Maizy the monkey says touch your toes.

Maizy the monkey says jump up and down

Maizy the monkey says spin around

Some trickier ideas:

Maizy the monkey says brush your hair <u>before</u> you kiss your hand.

Maizy the monkey says <u>first</u> jump up and down, <u>then</u> spin around

Some even trickier ideas:

Maizy the monkey says before you close your eyes and clap your hands

Maizy the monkey says, first touch the floor, next touch the chair, then spin around twice.

How many ideas can YOU come up with?







First	Next/ Then	Last
Mary the Monkey	However, Mary has	Her family keep
has very good	one bad habit. She	telling her this is
manners most of	thinks it was very	rude, and they can
the time. She says	funny to stick out	see how surprised
please and thank	her tongue at	some people are.
you, and always	people, even at	But, Mary thinks
waits her turn.	people she doesn't	it's too funny and
	know!	she doesn't stop.

Day 1. After reading the story...

What will Mary's family do next? What will they say to her? How will they help her remember?

Day 2. Show the picture only...

Can you remember who was in this story? What happened first, next and last? Do you have any more ideas for Mary?







First	Next/ Then	Last
Seán the Monkey	All weekend he	His family kept
loves to sing and	was listening to	telling him to be
dance. He has a	music so loud in his	quiet but he kept
great voice! On his	earphones that he	forgetting. They
birthday he asked	kept shouting at	were annoyed with
for earphones for	everyone. He	him, even though it
his birthday so he	didn't realise how	was his birthday
can listen to music.	loud he was.	weekend.

Day 1. After reading the story.

What will Seán's family do next? What will they say to him? How will they help him remember?

Day 2. Show the picture only.

Can you remember who was in this story? What happened first, next and last? Do you have any more ideas for Seán?







First	Next/ Then	Last
Fiona the Monkey	When someone	Fiona's friends
tells the best	else is talking to	wish she would
stories. They are	Fiona she talks	listen to what they
funny and make	over them, and she	have to say. They
her friends laugh.	doesn't wait for	have good stories
But Fiona has one	her friends to	too. They wish she
problem; she finds	answer her	would take turns
it hard to listen.	questions, she just	with them when
	keeps talking.	they are chatting.

Day 1. After reading the story.

What will Fiona's friends do next? What will they say to her? How will they help her remember?

Day 2. Show the picture only.

Can you remember who was in this story? What happened first, next and last? Do you have any more ideas for Fiona?







MM/A		
First	Next/ Then	Last
Cian the Monkey	Cian picks his nose.	Cian's teacher has
eats his lunch	He explores his	told him to stop
every day. He eats	nostrils and finds	picking his nose,
his fruit and	lots of snogs!	and every time she
vegetables. He	AND, he doesn't	sees him picking
even eats his	wash his hands.	she sends him to
insects. The	His teacher is	wash his hands.
problem is Cian is	worries that he is	But, he still hasn't
eating something	not being safe.	stopped!
else too!		

Day 1. After reading the story.

What will Seán's family do next? What will they say to him? How will they help him remember?

Day 2. Show the picture only.

Can you remember who was in this story? What happened first, next and last? Do you have any more ideas for Seán?







First	Next/ Then	Last
Sadie the Monkey	Sadie knows how	Sometimes Sadie's
loves to dance and	to shout and	family and friends
play. She has a	shriek and cry and	have sore ears
great imagination	roar and howl and	from all the noise.
and comes up with	woop and squawk	They tell her to be
new games every	and yell and	quiet but she
day. But, when	scream! She gets	forgets when she
Sadie is playing	very excited when	gets excited.
she is very loud.	she is playing.	

Day 1. After reading the story.

What will Sadie's family do next? What will they say to her? How will they help her remember?

Day 2. Show the picture only.

Can you remember who was in this story? What happened first, next and last? Do you have any more ideas for Sadie?





Move Like an Animal!

Draw out some animal movement cards and glue or tape one to each of the six sides of a square tissue box. Take turns tossing the box and acting like the animal on top.

If you don't have a tissue box don't worry! You can also flip these cards upside down and take turns flipping them over.

Here's some ideas to help you!

Walk like a monkey: walk on hands and feet!



Stomp like an elephant!



Balance on one leg like a flamingo!



Hop like a frog!



Stretch and reach like a giraffe!



Roar like a lion, show your teeth!





Some More Fun Monkey Facts

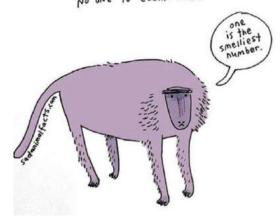


The Burmese Sneezing Monkey, sneezes whenever it rains.





UNPOPULAR BABOONS HAVE NO ONE TO CLEAN THEM.



The Moustached Emperor Tamarin is believed to have been named for German Emperor Wilhelm II. Both have impressive moustaches.



Just like use Monkeys us lots of facial expressions. You can often tell what they're thinking just by looking at their face.



Can you think what this guy is thinking?



TARSIER EYES ARE BIGGER THAN THEIR STOMACHS.





Jungle and Rainforest I Spy and Count to 20 Checklist

Count the number of each type of jungle and rainforest creature and write the numeral in the box.

tigers	gorillas
pandas	iguanas
parrots	pythons
butterflies	orangutans
ants	sloths

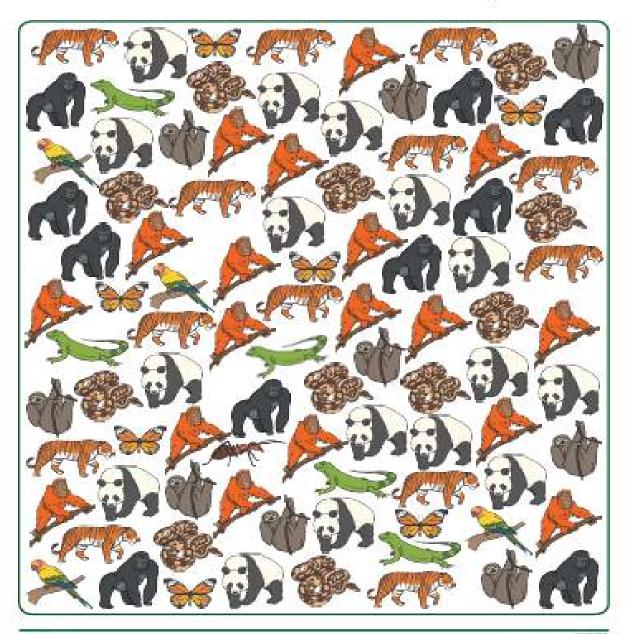








Jungle and Rainforest I Spy and Count to 20











Jungle and Rainforest I Spy and Count to 20 Answers

Count the number of each type of jungle and rainforest creature and write the numeral in the box.

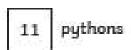














7 butterflies



18 orangutans



1 ant



9 sloths







Monkey Senses, Monkey Guesses

Write down the names of all your favourite movies. Cut up the list so you have lots of small pieces of paper with a movie name on each one.

In every round in this game pick one <u>Actor</u> and everybody else are the <u>Players</u>. In every round pick a sense that you have to do without. Will it be <u>No Speaking</u>, <u>No Hearing</u> or <u>No Looking</u>?

The <u>Actor</u> picks a movie and helps the <u>Players</u> guess what it is.

Whoever guesses gets a point!

No Speaking: The Actor cannot say anything, make any sounds or sing any songs. Try drawing or acting it out! The Players have to pay attention to what they can see.

No Hearing: The <u>Players</u> must block / close their ears and try to guess just by looking at the <u>Actor</u>. Try miming or acting it out! Don't forget <u>Players</u>, the <u>Actor</u> can hear you! Ask questions to help you work it out!

No Looking: The <u>Players</u> have to close their eyes and the <u>Actor</u> has to give clues only by speaking or singing or making sounds. No actions or drawings!











Spot the Differences!

These cheeky monkeys have changed 10 things in this picture! Can you spot them all?









Answer:





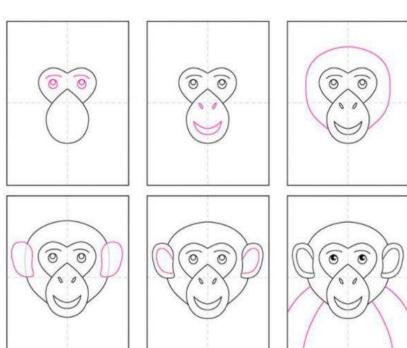




Use the template provided to make a mouthy monkey (or draw your own using the step by step below!)

Make sure the mouth is nice and big so you can feed your monkey! Cut out the mouth and colour your monkey in.









Thin about what we will feed the Hungry Monkey.

Get a Aldi, Dunnes, Lidl, Supervalue or Tesco brochure. Cut out all the pictures of food.

You can also draw your own foods to feed the monkey! What foods can you think of? See the pictures below for some ideas.

Take turns feeding the Hungry Monkey groups of foods, such as:

- Feed the monkey all the fruit
- Feed the monkey all the food that is orange
- Feed the monkey what you would eat in the cinema
- Feed the monkey what you would eat for breakfast
- Feed the monkey all the dairy products
- Feed the monkey food you could take on a picnic
- Feed the monkey food you can eat for dinner
- Feed the monkey all the food that is soft
- Feed the monkey all the food that is green
- Feed the monkey all the food that is sweet
- Feed the monkey food you can take for your lunch
- Feed the monkey food that is hard
- Feed the monkey all the food that is healthy
- Feed the monkey all the food that is crunchy





Cupcake	Banana	Orange	Milk
			Happy Cow MILK
Chocolate	Chicken	Pizza	Cheese
Chips	Carrot	Broccoli	Eggs





Orange Juice	Sausages	Bread	Tea
Popcorn	Potato	Apple	Yogurt
			yogurt
Pancakes	Burger	Grapes	Ice Cream





Funny Monkey!

Q: What did the monkey say when he cut off his tail?

A: It won't too long now.





Q: What do you call a monkey with a wizard hat and wand?

A: Hairy Potter!

Q: What do you call a monkey with a banana in each ear?

A: Anything you want, it can't hear you!







Funny Monkey



Q: What kind of monkey flied?

A: A hot air baboon!

Q: Why don't monkeys play cards in the jungle?

A: There are too many cheetahs out there!





Q: How do monkeys
get down the
stairs?

A: They slide down
the banana-ster!