**Let’s Play Categories!**

Develop vocabulary through a well-known game, by finding and giving lists of foods, countries, animals....

 30 min  2 participants

 

**Let’s play**

Players taking turns

1. Pick a brick from the box
2. Count the number of dots on it
3. The number of dots indicates the category:
	* 1 dot: countries
	* 2 dots: vegetables
	* 3 dots: fruits
	* 4 dots: animals
	* 5 dots: famous characters
	* 6 dots (if you have 6-dot bricks in your set): first names
4. Name 3 things in your category

**How to prepare**

* All bricks

**Facilitation tips**

* Discuss with the child, collaborate to choose categories.
* Repeat the list of categories as needed.

**Possible variations**

* Change the categories, depending on child’s knowledge
* Change the number of things to name
* Play with more peers

**Children will develop these holistic skills**

COGNITIVE - Stabilize knowledge of small numbers: Count quantities up to ten

EMOTIONAL - Share rules, roles and responsibilities

CREATIVE - Put into words procedures in peer-to-peer exchanges

PHYSICAL - Recognize and discriminate SHAPES by touch

SOCIAL - Engage in game, pretend play activities, verbal play with peers

**Did you know**

* Well-designed games can lead to literacy and numeracy skills.
* Despite literacy being serious business, it can be learned in playful ways.