

Brownie Making Games Badge – At Home and Virtual Activities

Use your imagination to make up new games.

1. Try a scavenger hunt.
2. Make up a mystery game.
3. Create a party game.
4. Change the rules.
5. Invent a whole new sport.



When you've earned this badge, you'll know how to create new games and share them with others. The activities below will help you complete three of the five steps for the badge!

Activity 1 (<i>Connects to Step 1: Try a scavenger hunt</i>).	Scavenger Hunt
Activity summary	Recruit your family to have a scavenger hunt indoors or outdoors!
Supplies needed	Index cards or paper Pen or pencil
Instructions	<p>Give each person an index card. Walk around the room and spot one object, then describe it on your card. For example, if it's a clock, you might write "tells time." If it's a rug, you might write, "we walk over it." If it's a fan, you might write "keeps us cool."</p> <p>Write a clue about one object and bring it to a central spot. But don't list the object, just the clue. (You can do this with multiple cards to make the game longer).</p> <p>Lay out the clues and read them. On another index card or piece of paper, see if you can find the object and write or draw what it is. You can walk around the room to see if you can find it, too. If you have a big family, you can team up or just work individually.</p>
Reflection/discussion questions	<p><i>Follow up questions:</i></p> <p><i>What could you do differently to this game? Find objects with certain letters? Find objects with different sizes? Have a time limit to find objects?</i></p> <p><i>Was it easier to work with a friend or team or alone? (If able.)</i></p>

	<i>If you were to have a Scavenger Hunt and only describe things by how they feel, what are some clues you'd come up with? Look around and describe things by how they might feel. [Examples: something smooth--a table. Something soft and bumpy--a rug. Something wet--a sink. Something fuzzy--a sweater.] Feel free to play this way, as well!</i>
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Activity 2 (<i>Connects to Step 2: Make up a mystery game</i>).	Design Your Own Board Game
Activity summary	Express creativity through creating your own board game.
Supplies needed	Markers, crayons, or colored pencils Stickers or other decorative things (if you have some on hand) Ruler or other straight edge Cardboard or paper as the “board” for the game
Instructions	Have your child design their own board game. You can do this with them or as an independent activity that you can later play together. In the reflection section, there are some ideas to help guide the beginning process, as well as some follow up discussion.
Reflection/discussion questions	<i>Have a start space and a finish space on each board.</i> <i>Where is your game set? What's your theme? Is it a jungle adventure? A camping trip? Explorers on a mountain trek? A horseback rider trying to get back to her horse?</i> <i>What kind of traps will your players get into along the way that might set them back a few spaces?</i> <i>Come up with your own rules and how this game will work.</i> <i>If you could change anything about your game or another you played, what would it be?</i>

Activity 3 (<i>Connects to Step 5: Invent a whole new sport</i>).	Create Your Own Sport
Activity summary	If you're tired of playing the same sports, this is a great opportunity to create your own. You can use rules of one sport to play another, or start from scratch!
Supplies needed	Whatever you have on hand! Examples: Golf ball

	<p>Basketball Rackets Tennis ball</p> <p>Non-sports equipment examples: Rocks Sticks Buckets Brooms Chairs Boxes</p> <p>You can also invent a sport that doesn't need any equipment besides your body and the environment around you. (For example, using running and tag with your hands).</p>
Link to online resources	How to Invent a Sport: https://www.wikihow.com/Invent-a-Sport
Instructions	Create scoring, rules, number of players, where the game will be played, equipment needed, and finally, name the sport!
Reflection/discussion questions	<i>Refer to the website link for additional details to consider when creating the sport. Be sure to incorporate playing fair and making sure all the bases are covered when creating the sport. Have fun!</i>

Keep it girl-led! These activities have helped you finish 3 of the badge's 5 requirements. When you're able, finish the last 2 requirements on your own, and you'll have earned the Brownie Making Games badge! Find the Making Games badge [here](#).