



# Playing Games

Playing games as a family is a great way to spend time together

- ★ **Make it special.** Pick a time that you set aside as game night. Try to make sure all family members are present. Limit distractions by turning off TVs, radios, and saving phone calls for another time. Everyone can get comfy by putting on their pajamas, and pop some popcorn to share.
- ★ **Free Fun.** You can have fun with your child with free games! With just some paper and a pencil, you help your child with reading skills by playing *Hangman*. *I Spy* is also a fun game: say, “I spy something that begins with the sound of /b/.” Children name everything they see that starts with /b/.
- ★ **Puzzles.** For a fun rainy day activity, pull out a puzzle from your closet, or check one out from the library. Work as a family to put it together. If it is a smaller puzzle, you can set a timer and see how quickly you can put it together.
- ★ **Alphabet Hunt.** Everyone has a pencil and piece of paper. Assign each person 6 different letters of the alphabet. Each person searches around the room to find items that start with that letter. Change letters the next time. You can also set time limits, search in different places, or see who can find the most items starting with one letter.
- ★ **More fun.** Other great games to play include Uno, Cadoo, Passwords, Tangrams, Connect 4, Scategories, Memory, and word bingo games. Your library may even have some of these fun, educational games!

