

## Reverse Charades



### Supplies:

- ✓ Small pieces of paper to write on
- ✓ Something to hold all the pieces of paper (i.e. hat, bucket)

### How to play:

So, this is exactly like normal charades. Except instead of one person standing in front of their team acting something out for them, the whole team is going to act something out as a **Family** for one of their teammates.

You'll need to separate your students into 2 teams (if you have a huuuuuge Family you may have to do several teams and go off into different parts of the room). Select one person from each team to be the guesser. Try to pick someone you think would be well acquainted with whatever words you will be playing with. (For example, don't pick a 6 year who isn't allowed to watch a lot of movies if your category for the words is "movies", knowwhati'msayin'?)

Let one team go at a time. Have the Family pick a word from the hat/bucket and make sure that everyone in the Family gets to read what that is written down. Then time them (a minute should be fine), and let the Family act out whatever was written down for their guesser. Make sure they know they are to act it out just as someone would act something out in regular charades -- which means, absolutely NO sounds or noises. If their guesser correctly guesses the word in under a minute (or whatever time limit you have set for them), their team gets a point. Then let the other team's Family draw a word and act out for their guesser. You can decide when to end the game. You could have them keep playing until they run out of words and

just tally up points at the end. Or if you're short on time maybe see which family member scores "x" amount of points first. Completely up to you.

Use themed words for a theme party. Especially good around holidays.

### Pro Tips:

- ✓ We did a pop culture category once and it proved to be way too difficult for our younger kids to participate. Try to pick words or phrases the vast majority of your Family would know.
- ✓ If only a couple kids on a team are doing the acting while it's their team's turn and the rest of the team are standing around, encourage them to all find a way to participate. Maybe play the game together, with no teams, and just have fun and be creative!

### Set-up:

Brainstorm a list of items for Family to act out. You can make them themed or random. Then write them out on small pieces of paper, fold them up, and put them in a hat/bucket. Here's just a few random ones to give you an idea of what you could write:

### Easy Charades Words

Playing with kids or people who haven't played charades before? Use these words for an easy, fun-for-all game.

airplane	boat	baby
ears	scissors	cough
cold	phone	laugh
blink	hairbrush	sneeze
spin	hammer	book
phone	toothbrush	jump
clap	slap	

## Medium Charades Words

Up for a bit of a challenge? These medium funny charades topics will give you a more challenging game.

archer	ghost	balance
shoelaces	sick	balloon
banana peel	monster	hiccup
stomp	hurt	hungry
slip	karate	ladder
scare	fishing	dizzy
read	hot	

## Hard Charades Words

Playing with a team of experts? Use these difficult charades words to truly test your abilities.

birthday	president	apartment
cradle	coffee	trampoline
waterfall	window	proud
stuck-up	flashlight	marry
overwhelm	judge	shadow
halo	measure	clown
chomp	slither	

## Disney Charades Words

If you're playing with kids or fans of Disney movies, try acting out these popular Disney titles and phrases.

<i>The Lion King</i>	"Let it go!"	<i>Bambi</i>
"Drink me"	<i>Lady and the Tramp</i>	"On a magic carpet ride"
"Hakuna matata"	<i>The Little Mermaid</i>	"A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down"
<i>Cinderella</i>		

### **Musician Charades Words**

Try embodying these famous singers, songwriters, instruments, and songs to turn your game of charades into a hilarious pantomimed concert.

Elvis	Taylor Swift	One Direction
Michael Jackson	rock star	drums
"Shout!"	Rolling Stones	"Singin' in the Rain"
"The hills are alive, with the sound of music"	Britney Spears	"No Woman, No Cry"
James Taylor	rock star	guitar

### **Sports Charades Words**

Try your hand at acting out these sports. Some of the funny charades topics are easy; some will make you think!

Archery	Basketball	Figure skating
Hockey	Baseball	Croquet
Golf	Horseback riding	Cheerleading
Football	Soccer	Darts
Roller derby	Table tennis	Handball

## Animal Charades Words

Take a walk on the wild side and act out the behaviors of these common and not-so-common animals.

Whale

Snake

Elephant

Giraffe

Dog

Cat

Ant

Rabbit

Groundhog

Hyena

Kangaroo

Shark

Fish

Polar Bear

Caterpillar

Cockroach

Ram

Monkey

Jaguar

Rooster