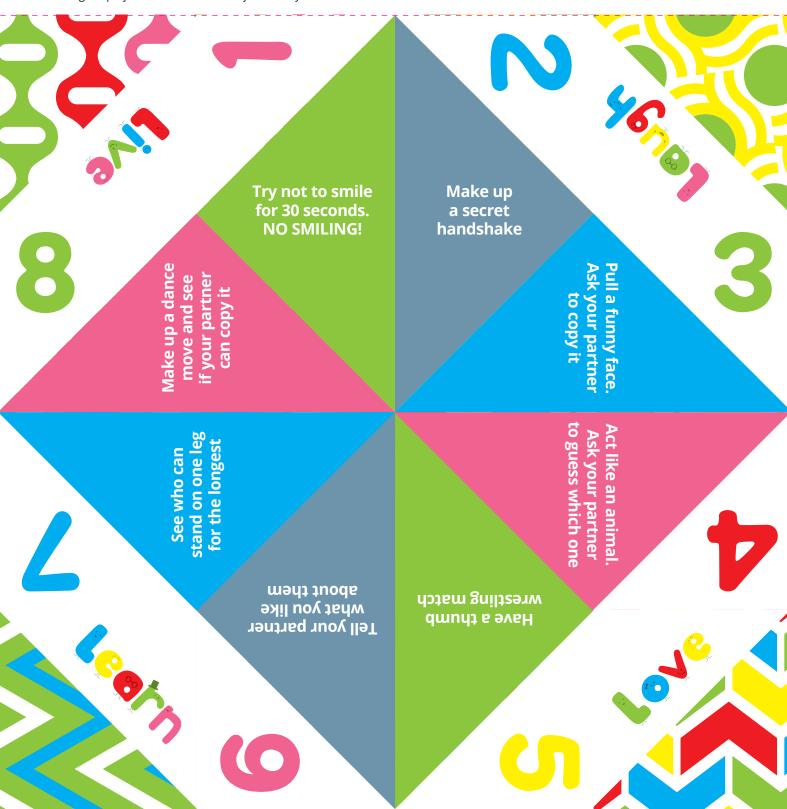


THE SERVE AND RETURN CHATTERBOX

A fun way to help Kids Build Healthy Brains

Scientists say the way to help kids build healthy brain architecture is through "serve and return" interactions. A child reaches out for interaction ("serves"), and the caregiver responds ("returns"). Here's a serve-and-return game to play with your children.

Tear along the perforation line below and follow the fold lines instructions on the reverse.



How to fold







to the centre



a square



Turn the square over



Fold corners to the centre to make Like this





Crease the paper lengthwise and then widthwise



Insert your fingers.



Ta-da!

How to play

- 1. Ask a partner to join you in the game.
- 2. Ask your partner to pick a word (Live, Learn, Love, or Laugh).
- 3. Spell the word. As you say each letter, open and close the game frontwards and sideways to show the numbers inside. (e.g. "Live" goes frontwards, sideways, frontwards, sideways.)
- 4. Ask your partner to pick one of the four numbers.
- 5. Count up to the number out loud while opening and closing the chatterbox toy.
- 6. Ask your partner to pick a number again.
- 7. Open that number. Read the instructions to your partner.
- 8. When your partner is finished, switch roles!

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