

Game 12: Simple Switches

In *Simple Switches*, students ask each other questions that they have altered from the original question on a *Picture This* card. The questions on the card act as a starting point for the students' own questions. This is a great scaffolding activity for teaching how to form questions.

Instructions

1. Have students (the players) sit in groups of 3–4. Choose an amount of time for the activity.
2. Put the *Picture This* cards in a box, bag, or basket (where players cannot see them) in the center of the classroom.
3. Invite someone from each group to take a card, carry it to his or her group, and place it on the table so that the question side faces up.
4. One player starts by reading one of the questions silently. The first player will choose another player to answer the new question. Then the player makes a small change (or switch) in the question and asks the new question out loud.
5. The player who answers the question then chooses a new question and repeats step 4.
6. When the group has altered and responded to all of the questions on their card, one member of the group can return the card and get another.
7. End the game after the specified amount of time.

“Player Talk” in *Simple Switches* Hobbies

Player 1 reads, “Which hobbies on this card are good for a rainy day?”

Player 1: Which hobbies on this card are good for a cold day?

Player 2: Reading books, surfing the Internet, and listening to music are good hobbies for a cold day.