

I Went to the Zoo and I Saw a...

This game involves listening as well as memorizing.

Choosing any animal names, start the game by saying "I went to the zoo and I saw a monkey."

Your child then responds with "I went to the zoo and I saw a monkey and a lion."

You respond with "I went to the zoo and I saw a monkey, a lion and a tortoise."

For each turn, repeat the animals that have already been listed, in sequence, then add a new one. You may not repeat an animal.

At first, this may be tricky, but with time you will be amazed at how many animals your child can remember.

This game is actually easier with more people because it is easier to associate words with different people than 10 words from the same person. So be sure to get the siblings, parents and grandparents involved.

After practising this a few times, my 6-year-olds were often able to remember all the words from an entire class of 20 to 25 children.

This game can be varied with any list e.g. I went to the shop and I bought a..." or "In my fruit salad there is a..."