



## Room on the Broom

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Suggested Activity :

### Alphabet Memory Game

**Here is a simple game to practice the alphabet and also put the children's memory to the test!**

Sit in a circle with the children. You begin the game by saying *"On the witches broom there was a ....."* followed by something beginning with the letter *A*. The child to your left will repeat what you said, plus something beginning with the letter *B*, then the next child will add something beginning with *C*, and so on. For example:

*"On the witches broom there was an **A**pple, a **B**asketball and a **C**aterpillar..."*

Carry on going clockwise around the circle, with each child repeating what was said previously plus a new word of their own starting with the next letter of the alphabet. Depending on the size of your group, each player may end up having several turns. As the list gets longer, it becomes harder and harder to remember everything that was said! For younger children, you may need to help them by giving hints. For older children, you can make the game more challenging by imposing time limits (for example, a 5 second hesitation limit; if they hesitate for longer than 5 seconds before saying a word, they are out of the game). You can also make it more challenging by choosing specific categories for the words they must say (for example, animals, places, food, etc). If you do this, try to have a couple of words prepared to help them out for tricky letters, like the letter *X*.

Have fun !