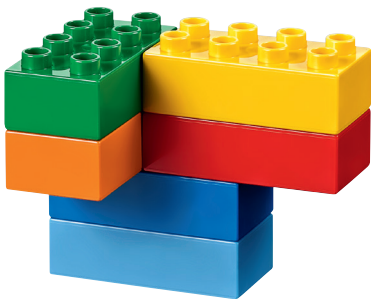


Memory Game

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Try this

- Spread your six bricks out in front of you
- Study the picture on this card for 3 seconds, then put it away
- Build the model from memory
- Can you do this activity in teams?



What did you practice?

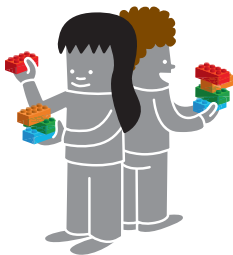
You have just challenged your *working memory*. This skill allows us to hold information in our minds and to mentally work with it. We use it for tasks like remembering steps in a plan, connecting two ideas or combining words into whole sentences while we read.

Back to Back

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Try this

- Work in teams of two and sit or stand back to back
- Use your six bricks to build a model out of sight of anyone else
- Instruct your partner how to build this model
- Without looking at your model, your partner has to follow your instructions to replicate what you built



What did you practice?

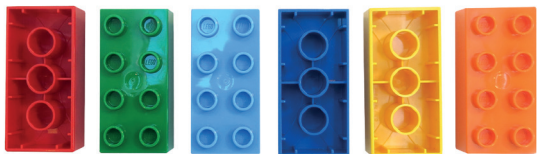
You have just challenged your *perspective-taking* and *spatial awareness*. Our ability to picture in our minds what others see, and to communicate so other people understand what we see, means we can exchange experiences.

Brick Sequence

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Try this

- Lay out your bricks in a row – some facing up, others down (see picture)
- Give each position (up and down) a sound, stomp or clap – and ‘translate’ your visual pattern into movement and sounds
- Can you spice up the sequence with other brick positions?



What did you practice?

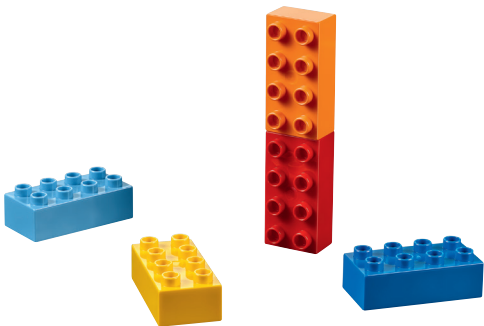
You have just challenged your *sensory-motor skills*, using your eyes and hands to coordinate movements. Physically, this helps us to balance, walk and run, but also refreshes our energy and thinking while we enjoy being active.

Tricky Tower

When we are engaged and challenged in playful ways, we practice skills for learning. Get started with this fun, quick Six Bricks activity.

Try this

- Spread out your six bricks on a table
- Stack the bricks short end to short end, using one hand
- Try to make the tower as high as possible
- Can you do this with your other hand?



What did you practice?

You have just challenged your *fine motor skills*, and especially the muscles used for “pinching” pencils in a steady grip. We use fine motor skills every day for tasks like handwriting, typing, crafts and playing instruments.

Creative Creatures

When we are engaged and challenged in playful ways, we practice skills for learning. Get started with this fun, quick Six Bricks activity.

Try this

- Build a creature that moves
- Add wings, legs, heads, arms – anything!
- Find a partner and explain how your creature moves
- What else can you build?



What did you practice?

You have just challenged your *symbolic representation*. This ability allows us to create associations, like representing an arm with a brick. Using symbols and representations helps us to make ideas real and meaningful to others.

Hanging Around

When we are engaged and challenged in playful ways, we practice skills for learning. Get started with this fun, quick Six Bricks activity.

Try this

- Take a brick, and place it close to the edge of a table
- The challenge is to hang as many bricks off the edge as possible
- You need to counterbalance as you build
- Work in teams and see how far you can go with 12 or 18 bricks



What did you practice?

You have just challenged your *problem solving* and *self control*. These skills help us to think through a challenge, to stay focused as we weigh our options and try out ideas, and to persist when we encounter obstacles and need to improve what we do.