

Spelling Game

Pass the Word

Players: two teams with an even number of players (at least 6) in each team, a child to be the “counter”

You need: marble (or another small object, such as a checker), list of Unit 35 Basic Words

How to play: The counter sits with the word list on the floor. The players sit close together in a circle around the counter with their hands behind their backs. Two players from the same team should not sit next to each other. Team members should alternate. One player takes the marble.

1. The counter begins to count slowly. The player holding the marble passes it behind his or her back to another player.
2. Players quickly pass the marble around the circle. The player holding the marble when the counter reaches 5 must keep it.
3. At this point, the counter tries to guess who has the marble. If the guess is correct, the counter chooses a Basic Word for that person to spell.
4. If the word is spelled correctly, that player’s team earns a point. If the word is misspelled, the counter earns a point.
5. Play continues until all the words have been spelled.

Other ways to play this game: To play with fewer players, sit side-by-side, facing the counter.

