Christmas Tree Barrier Game – Barrier games are designed to provide children with numerous opportunities to use speech and language skills. Barrier games require children to 1. Give specific and accurate information (The *red* present is under the tree). 2. Request information by formulating sentences/questions (Is the present big?). 3. Respond to questions (What color present? Child - “The red one”). Barrier Games are played with a barrier between players so the players cannot see each other’s pictures. You can use anything for a barrier. A large book placed upright or a box on its side works easily.

Directions

Includes: 8 decorated tree cards, 2 pages of ornaments and presents, and 2 Christmas trees.

1. Print all pages. Cut each ornament and present out separately. Cut out decorated tree cards. Laminate all materials for durability.
2. Decide who will be the Giver (of information) and who will be the Receiver (of information)
3. Set up a barrier between players.
4. The Receiver places the cut out presents and ornaments in front of them along with the 2 large trees.
5. The Giver picks from the deck of 8 tree cards. The Giver ***does not*** show the Receiver the card.
6. The Giver describes the tree on the card so the Receiver can decorate his/her tree to match the card.
7. The Receiver can ask questions any time to check for understanding.
8. If the Giver has given good directions, the two trees should look the same.
9. Switch roles and play again. The adult can increase a child’s questioning skills by purposefully omitting information. Example, Adult - “put the present under the tree.” Child- “which present, or what color?”
10. Have Fun!!

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