

# Rules of the Game

## My First Sentences

### Setting Up

1. Choose a **Game card** suitable for the child:
  - For children who only use a few basic verbs, **Game cards** with four animals or characters performing a single action are best.
  - For children who frequently use complete sentences, **Game cards** with a single animal or character performing different actions are more suitable.
2. Insert the chosen **Game card** in the **Game Card Frame**.
3. Take the four **Picture cards** for the chosen **Game card** and place them face-up next to the **Game card**. Alternatively, place the **Picture cards** in a bag or pillowcase so the child can pick them at random.



### Playing the Game

1. Ask the child to choose (or blindly pick) a **Picture card**.
2. The child then places the card on the correct spot in the **Game Card Frame**, while naming the action depicted on the card (e.g., "The cat is eating."). If the child struggles, you can help them. (See "Helping children make simple sentences during gameplay" in the **Instructional Guide**.)
3. Once the child completes the card, either take a turn and play yourself, or prompt the child to pick a new card. Continue playing by placing new cards in the **Game Card Frame** as you go.
4. The game ends when the child has completed one or more **Game cards**, or seems to be losing interest.

