



How to make a chatterbox

- 1 - Print and cut round outside of chatterbox.
- 2 - Fold in half and in half again.
- 3 - Open out, turn over so the instructions page is on top and fold each corner into the middle, turn over again and repeat.
- 4 - Turn over so you can see the coloured squares. Slide your thumb and your finger behind 2 of the squares and press together so they bend round and touch.
- 5 - Repeat with the thumb and finger of the other hand for the other two squares. All the pictures should now be at the front with centres touching.
- 6 - Your chatterbox is now ready for a play.



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How to use the template/instructions to give:

- ◆ For use with children under ten years old and/or their parents/caregivers. You can also use it with parents/caregivers of children without child present (first time - follow up required) to get them thinking positively/stretch their thinking about their child.
- ◆ Dependent on age and communication, play the game directly with the child and target the questions to them personally.
E.g., What is something you like about yourself?
What are your dreams for your future?
- ◆ Encourage one person to pick a colour, then spell it out loud (R-E-D) connecting their fingers for each letter. Then they pick a number and spell it too, moving the fingers again.
- ◆ If the child is not present, play the game with a parent or caregiver. Then come back and play again with the child so the child can hear the answers and parents have the chance to positively reflect.
- ◆ Use the answers/discussion as an opportunity to set future goals.



Purpose: to engage positively with parents and young children
to focus on who the child is (outside of their needs)
and see their worth and unique abilities.

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