

HANGMAN

MATERIALS:

- Whiteboard
- Whiteboard marker
- Word Cards

HOW TO PLAY:

Pick one child to be 'the executioner' and they must pick a word out of the word pack

On a whiteboard they need to draw a blank line for each letter in the word. For example, if the executioner chooses the word "zipper" she/he would draw six blanks, one for each letter (_ _ _ _ _). The host does not tell anyone else the secret word.

The others need to start guessing letters that are in that word (one at a time). Once the word has been chosen and the players know how many letters in the secret word, begin guessing which letters are in the word eg. "is there an 'e' in your word?"

If the guess right the executioner needs to fill in the letter in the blanks. For example, if the word is "zipper" and the players guess "e," then the host will fill in the 5th blank with an "e:" (_ _ _ _ e _). If the players guess a letter that repeats, fill in both letters. If they guess "p," you would have to fill in both "p"s. (_ _ p p e _).

Draw part of the "hangman" when the players guess wrong. Whenever the players guess a letter that is not in the secret word they get a strike that brings them closer to losing. To show this, the host draws a simple stick figure of a man being hung, adding a new part to the drawing with every wrong answer. This is also where you can adjust the difficulty of the game -- the more marks you make, the more wrong guesses the player gets and the easier the game is. The classic order is:

- First wrong answer: Draw an upside-down "L." This is the post the man hangs from.
 - Second: Draw a small circle for the "head" underneath the horizontal line of the "L."
 - Third: Draw a line down from the bottom of the head for the "body."
 - Fourth: Draw one arm out from the middle of his body for the "arm."
 - Fifth: Draw the other arm.
 - Sixth: Draw one diagonal line from the bottom of the body for the first "leg."
 - Seventh: Draw the other leg.
 - Eighth: Connect the head to the post with a "noose."
- Once you draw the noose the players have lost the game.