



Opening imaginary playworlds to unlock the limitless possibilities of children!

The Lickety Playcards A GUIDE

Licketyspit is a children's theatre company and theatre is the artform built on **PLAY**. The Lickety Playcards are a collection of new & traditional games, rhymes, songs and imaginary play activities that make group imaginary play very easy and very fun! This guide will help you get started...

HOW we play is as important as WHAT we play!

We see many children take amazing leaps in confidence, social skills, language and literacy, health and wellbeing and happiness through Lickety Playcard Play.

Learning to play like this is a **LIFE SKILL**. It's about listening and responding, imagining, problem solving, inventing, supporting others, taking turns and discovering that in imaginary play

we can be anyone, go anywhere, do anything!

“It's enjoyable and really gets you more involved with your child and their imagination” – **Dad**

In 2019 Licketyspit Teacher Evaluations, 100% of children showed improved Confidence and Emotional Literacy & Resilience; 90% showed improved Social Skills and Use & Knowledge of Language.

Ooooooh!



Everyone can play!



All we need to play is each other!





Where to start



Grab some old clothes for **Dressing Up** – you can create infinite characters!

1. **Warm Up** – 2 Lickety Warm Up Videos online – or just do some dancing to music!

PLAYING is how we relax our bodies & minds, and feel most like ourselves.

2. **Funky Chicken** – Play this game in a circle so you can see everyone and everyone can see you.

3. **Flying Balloons** – Quickly establishes an imaginary world that everyone can see.

There are **NO WRONG ANSWERS** in Lickety-Play. If someone sees an elephant it's empowering & exciting to say "Yes, I can see it too!"

4. **A Song** – after running around a song brings back focus and concentration

Language is **NO BARRIER** to play like this + it boosts language skills!

5. **Witches Fingers/Monsters Footsteps** – Create characters in an exciting drama

There are no winners or losers – it's about the joy of playing! When children **KNOW** that they will always be **SEEN, HEARD, VALUED & INCLUDED**, they **RELAX** and **ENJOY** the **MOST WONDERFUL** and **AMAZING** group **PLAY**.

Live
online!

6. **Magic Ball** – this is the ultimate improvised imaginary adventure

Games are **BEST** when **EVERYONE'S** in the game – we discover that everyone has brilliant and different ideas to bring

6. **Reflective Drawing & The Lickety Art Gallery** –

Helps us share our thoughts, feelings and ideas

Congratulate, Repeat, Question - enthusiasm for someone's drawing makes them feel great and want to do more (drawing develops fine motor skills and thinking)



We developed this way of playing with children - the play experts of the world! You can play these games anywhere – walking along, on the **BUS**. And we'd **LOVE** you to come & play them **WITH US** too!

Email/text us **TO JOIN** our **Children & Families Network** and play with us **indoors, outdoors & live online!**

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