

4 Ways to Build Language Skills with Pickles to Penguins!

Pickles to Penguins! is known as “the quick-thinking, picture-linking party game.” But a party isn’t necessary to enjoy the fast-paced fun of this easy-to-learn card game. Whether at home or on the road, this is a great way to get in a little language skills practice while having a blast at the same time.



Here are four different ways to use Pickles to Penguins! to build your child’s spelling skills and expand working vocabulary.

1. **Build vocabulary.** With 528 double-sided cards (that’s over 1,000 different items!), this game provides plenty of new vocabulary words for your kids to learn as they play. The pictures on every card also help by providing clear examples of each item.
2. **Learn to compare and contrast.** Pickles to Penguins! is an excellent introduction to the concept of comparing and contrasting items. Kids will have to come up with creative comparisons for numerous items, as well as explain contrasts when it’s time to dispute another player’s comparison.
3. **Construct full sentences.** The game instructions require all players to say the names of both items and the connection between them in a full sentence, such as “Frying pans and bathtubs can both hold water.” Kids learn the importance of quickly inventing clear and complete sentences—because if they don’t, they lose the game!
4. **Learn compound words.** LOTS of the word cards in this game are compound words. Take the opportunity to discuss the different types of compound words and how they are formed. Download our list of [501 Compound Words for Kids](#) for even more practice!

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