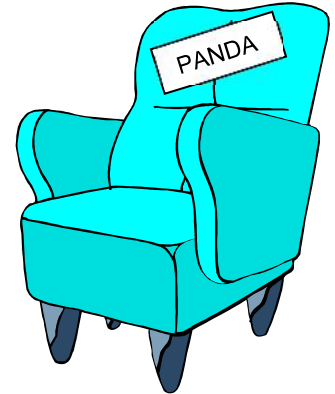


Memory Games for Adults

Memory Mayhem

Before guests arrive:

1. Write 20 interesting, unrelated nouns on index cards and place them in obvious places a room where guests will be spending a lot of time. Here a few suggestions: pancakes, alligator, helicopter, unicorn, Jupiter, purple, blizzard, shoestring, lemonade, roller coaster, oven, envelope, termites, dictionary, panda, recliner, doctor, clock, tomatoes, dime



2. Prepare a list of 10-15 questions to ask about the words and their placements. Examples: What word was on the piano? Where was the word *lemonade*? How many animal words did you see? Can you list all 20 words?

3. Have paper and pencil ready for each guest.

When guests arrive:

4. Do not point out the word cards. If someone asks you about them, simply explain that the words will be used for a game later in the party.

5. After all your guests have been present for 30 minutes or so, take everyone into another room where the word cards cannot be seen.



6. Pass out the paper and pencils.

7. Ask the questions and instruct guests to write down their answers.

8. Tell everyone to return to the room with the cards, and go over the correct answers to your questions.

9. Find out which guests scored the highest. Give out small prizes if you like.

