go Photo!
AN activity Book FOR kids
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TELEPHONE GAME
Have you ever played the telephone game? You whisper a phrase to a friend: “I like eggs and bacon.” The friend whispers what she thinks she heard to someone else: “My right leg is shakin’.” The next friend continues: “My fight egg was taken!” and so on. The farther the message travels, the weirder it gets. Here, you’ll play the telephone game with the camera and then make a set of “photo-dominoes” out of the pictures to continue the game afterward.

**stuff you’ll need:**

- Camera
- Bunch of friends
- Computer and printer
- Photo paper
- Scissors
- Glue (optional)
- Poster board (optional)
- Magazines or newspapers (optional)
- **1 hour**
let’s do this!

Play the game and start the “conversation”:

1. Take a picture of something, anything! That’s easy enough; what could possibly go wrong?

2. Give the camera to a friend and ask her or him to look at the image and take another photograph, keeping 1 thing the same from your photograph—the same color, shape, texture, number, or subject.

3. Keep passing the camera along to more and more people (or hand it back and forth) until you have a series of photographs. When taking the photograph, each person must keep 1 thing the same as what was in the photo taken right before it. You never know where this will lead, and that’s the fun of it.

Make the photo-dominoes:

4. Print out the series of photos onto photo paper, smallish—about 3 x 5 inches or less should create a good set to shuffle around. You can make the images smaller by setting them up to print multiple photos on a page. In this case, 4 on a page would work well for size. If it’s not obvious how to print multiple images on 1 page in the print dialog box when you try to print, look up the directions online for the software you’re using.

5. Cut them out. If you want to make sturdier cards, glue the pictures to poster board, and cut them out.

6. If you want to make more photo-dominoes, cut out pictures from newspapers and magazines. Again, make each photo relate to the photo right before it in the telephone line by keeping 1 thing the same.

7. Put all the photos on a table in the telephone line order (the photograph of a red strawberry next to one of a red hat, which is next to one of a wig, which is next to one of a willow tree that droops like long hair, and so on).

8. Mix them up, and make a new sequence using some of the same grouping principles (color, number, subject)!

This game is fun to play while you take a walk.

A sequence is a series of photographs put in an order that creates relationships between photos and changes their meaning. A photo can mean one thing alone, but it can mean something totally different when placed next to another photo. With your friends or on your own, try making different pairs and sequences that change the meaning of a photo.