

I Can Do That Game by Cat In The Hat



This is a versatile game that can be used in several ways and a couple of different formats! It is readily available online and in stores.

Let go through how you might use the board game and then explore the other option; the deck of cards!

You will notice that this game comes with various objects and a cool yellow rainbow-like arch called the "trick-a-ma-stick"! The game also comes with three sets of cards.

Deck #1: Each card in this deck contains a verb-phrase phrase. ("Take four giant steps.")

Deck #2: Each card in this deck contains a prepositional phrase. ("with the boat")

Deck # 3: Each card in this deck contains another prepositional phrase. ("on your head")

The game is designed to be a reading game where the player draws a card from Decks 1, 2, and 3. They then place the cards together in a line. They read the sequence of cards. And, finally, they carry out the written directive (see example below). Fun.



Let see the modifications we can make to turn this into a graduated listening game!

- 1) We can read the card to our child so they can listen; instead of having the child read the card
- 2) We can start with using only Deck #1. We would not add an additional deck to the game until our child demonstrated that they would listen to the directive of just a single card. Once our child is successful with listening to and following through with the directive of a single card (e.g., "Take four giant steps"), only then would we add Deck #2. Only after our child showed us they can be successful with listening to two cards in a row and following through would we move to including Deck #3!
- 3) As you will see, the language on these decks deals with phrase language and some advanced beginner or even intermediate language level. You know your child! You will have a sense if this language is too advance or not advanced enough. We can adjust! We can make our own cards or our own paired directives! So, perhaps of "Taking four giant steps," we might create a simple version that might simply be "jump!" or "take a step." It may take a bit of time to devise your own cards, but it will be fun and worth it.

This game comes in two formats; the board game shown above and in a more compact and economical card-game version.



Card 1: "Dance"

Card 2: "to a bedroom"

Card 3: "with the fish on your head."

All the same considerations apply. Start with one card only and build as your child shows you they are successful! Make your own cards if you need or prefer. And most of all have fun!