

The king needs to process all the information he is being given by looking at all the different mimes if he is to find the answer quickly.

Now try this ...

Teach the group the nursery rhyme, Old King Cole, and let them mime being his orchestra:

*Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he;
He called for his pipe,
And he called for his bowl,
And he called for his fiddlers three!
And every fiddler, he had a fine fiddle,
And a very fine fiddle had he.
"Twee tweedle dee, tweedle dee" went the fiddlers.
Oh, there's none so rare
As can compare
With King Cole and his fiddlers three.*



I'm going away today

What you need: nothing

Preparation: none

What to do:

Ask the children to sit down in a circle and tell them to switch on their wonderful thinking skills because you are going to play a game that needs them to stay very alert.

One child starts the game by saying,

I'm going on a journey, but first I need to

(get out of bed; tidy my bed; eat my breakfast; clean my teeth).

They mime the action they have chosen.

The child who is sitting next to them, repeats this sentence and the mime and adds another sentence.

If your children are very young it will be enough to simply speak these two sentences. Then the third child can start a new sentence that is repeated by the fourth child and so on.

If they are more mature, you can ask them to remember all of the previous sentences – but keep the group very small.

This continues round the circle so that the list gets longer and longer. Each new person must repeat all of the sentences and add one of his/her own.

