

The Paper Bag Story Game for Any Party

3-12 players | About 20 minutes | Ages 7+

PRINT & PREPARE

Print one object-card set; fold and put cards in a paper bag. Print single-sided on US Letter at 100% (actual size). For A4, choose Fit. Cut only pages labeled cut-out cards; dotted borders are cutting guides. Adults handle cutting.

GATHER

Paper slips, Pencils, Paper bag.

SET UP

Prepare slips with one ordinary object on each. Seat everyone in a circle and explain that you will build one silly story together.

HOW TO PLAY

1. The first player draws a slip and begins the story with one or two sentences that include the object.
2. The next player draws a new object and adds one or two connected sentences.
3. Continue around the circle twice, keeping contributions brief enough that everyone gets a turn.
4. The last person wraps up the story. No points are needed; give the story a title together.

ADAPT IT

For shy guests, let partners contribute together. For a challenge, use a holiday setting but keep the object words ordinary.

HOST NOTE

Set a friendly tone and keep real guests out of embarrassing story roles. A player may swap a prompt if they get stuck.

Story object cards

Cut along the dotted borders. Fold cards if prompts should stay secret.

EVERYDAY PARTIES

01

Umbrella

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02

Spoon

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03

Suitcase

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04

Rubber duck

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Telescope

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Sandwich

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Key

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Teapot

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Roller skate

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Pillow

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Bicycle

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Flowerpot

Our story keepsake

Optional group keepsake. Write together after telling the story.

Name / team: _____

Our story title:

The beginning:

The strangest twist:

How it ended:
