Why and Because

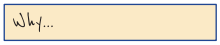
Our parents and grandparents often answer our questions. This activity is to practice reading and writing while being pretty silly. What if the questions and answers don't match?

Round One: Adult Wisdom

Get Ready:

1. Adults, we'll start with you. Take a slip of paper and write down a statement that starts with "Because." It can be as serious or silly as you want! But shh, keep it a secret. Put all the "Because" slips together in one pile, face down.

2. Next, get each child to write a question that starts with "Why" on a slip of paper. It can be as serious or silly as you want! Put all the "Why" slips together in one pile, face down. You should have one "Why" for every "Because." (Adults can help kids write their questions!)



Play:

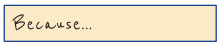
All together, read a "Why" question. Now choose a "Because" answer at random to read out. Does it make any sense?! Continue matching them until you've gone through each slip of paper.

Round Two: Kid Wisdom

Get Ready:

1. Adults, this time you're writing the questions! But shh, remember to keep them a secret. Put all the "Why" slips together in one pile, face down.

2. Kids, your turn to write answers! Get each child to write a statement that starts with "Because" on a slip of paper. Put all the "Because" slips together in one pile, face down. You should have one "Why" for every "Because." (Adults can help kids write their questions!)



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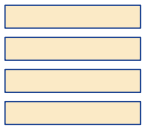
What You'll Need:

Strips of paper and pencil for each family.



Take it Further:

Take a look at the questions that everyone wrote. Are there any questions that no one in the family can answer? Go online or to your local library to find answers!