Follow the Bridge

Trainers at Chimp Haven give the chimpanzees cues when they want them to do a specific action. When the chimpanzees do the action the trainer will reinforce with a “bridge”, which can be verbal (like saying “good job”) or non-verbal (like using a clicker). Find a friend to play this game with and practice your bridges and cues. If you have a clicker on hand then you can replace some of the verbal bridges with a click!

Directions

Step 1
Find someone (or a few people) to play with you.

Step 2
Find one item in your house for hiding and find a room to play in.

Step 3
One person (Player 1) will close their eyes while the other hides the item somewhere in the room (Player 2).

Step 4
Once the item is hidden Player 1 can open their eyes.

Step 5
Player 1 searches for the item while Player 2 helps with verbal cues. If Player 1 is close to finding the item then Player 2 will say “you’re hot,” and if Player 1 is not close then Player 2 will say “you’re cold.” If Player 1 is somewhere in between then Player 2 can say “warm!”

Step 6
Keep playing until the item is found then switch!