



**UNLOCKING POTENTIAL  
LEVELLING THE SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC ARENA**

**Word Game of the Week!**

**I went to the shops...:**

To play this game you need 2+ players.

- Take turns to think of something you might buy at the shops. The first player starts by saying "I went to the shops and I bought a...".
- The next player must remember what the previous player bought and add their own. E.g.
  - Player one: "I went to the shops and I bought an orange"
  - Player two: "I went to the shops and I bought an orange and a loaf of bread".
- The game continues until you can no longer remember what each player suggested.

**Variation:**

- Actions:
  - Instead of using words, use this activity to focus on watching each other.
  - Sit in a circle and take turns to do add a different action e.g. clapping your hands, doing a short dance or pulling a face.
  - Each player must remember the actions in order and then add their own.

**What areas does this game help?**

Social skills:

A core social skill is taking turns in conversations. This game gives students a structured opportunity to practice and apply this skill. Using the actions variation helps children learn the importance of looking at members of the group and paying attention to their actions or body language.

Language:

This game will help children develop their language memory. This is an important skill for using longer sentences and following longer instructions.