

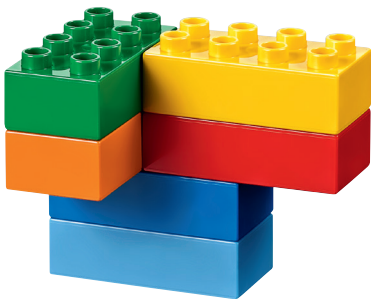
# Memory Game

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## Try this

- Spread your six bricks out in front of you
- Study the picture on this card for 3 seconds, then put it away
- Build the model from memory
- Can you do this activity in teams?



**What did you practice?**

You have just challenged your *working memory*. This skill allows us to hold information in our minds and to mentally work with it. We use it for tasks like remembering steps in a plan, connecting two ideas or combining words into whole sentences while we read.

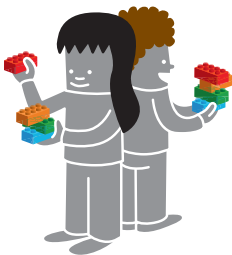
# Back to Back

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## Try this

- Work in teams of two and sit or stand back to back
- Use your six bricks to build a model out of sight of anyone else
- Instruct your partner how to build this model
- Without looking at your model, your partner has to follow your instructions to replicate what you built



**What did you practice?**

You have just challenged your *perspective-taking* and *spatial awareness*. Our ability to picture in our minds what others see, and to communicate so other people understand what we see, means we can exchange experiences.

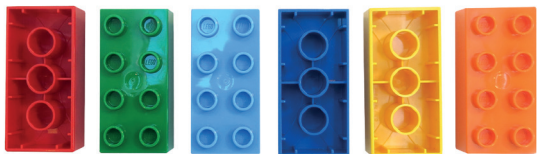
# Brick Sequence

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## Try this

- Lay out your bricks in a row – some facing up, others down (see picture)
- Give each position (up and down) a sound, stomp or clap – and ‘translate’ your visual pattern into movement and sounds
- Can you spice up the sequence with other brick positions?



### What did you practice?

You have just challenged your *sensory-motor skills*, using your eyes and hands to coordinate movements. Physically, this helps us to balance, walk and run, but also refreshes our energy and thinking while we enjoy being active.

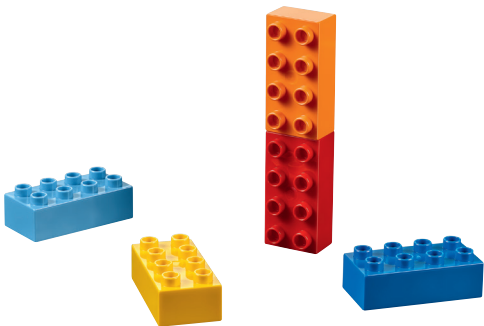
# Tricky Tower

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## Try this

- Spread out your six bricks on a table
- Stack the bricks short end to short end, using one hand
- Try to make the tower as high as possible
- Can you do this with your other hand?



**What did you practice?**

You have just challenged your *fine motor skills*, and especially the muscles used for “pinching” pencils in a steady grip. We use fine motor skills every day for tasks like handwriting, typing, crafts and playing instruments.

# Creative Creatures

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## Try this

- Build a creature that moves
- Add wings, legs, heads, arms – anything!
- Find a partner and explain how your creature moves
- What else can you build?



**What did you practice?**

You have just challenged your *symbolic representation*. This ability allows us to create associations, like representing an arm with a brick. Using symbols and representations helps us to make ideas real and meaningful to others.

# Hanging Around

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## Try this

- Take a brick, and place it close to the edge of a table
- The challenge is to hang as many bricks off the edge as possible
- You need to counterbalance as you build
- Work in teams and see how far you can go with 12 or 18 bricks



What did you practice?

You have just challenged your *problem solving* and *self control*. These skills help us to think through a challenge, to stay focused as we weigh our options and try out ideas, and to persist when we encounter obstacles and need to improve what we do.