Colour Me

This game is to help your child understand words we use when placing conditions on instructions,

- ‘Get a drink unless you had one before’
- ‘You can wear any socks except the spotty ones’
- ‘Dad will be happy but not if you’re still up’

These are very complex words to learn. This game will help your child practise working out the meaning of these conditional words.

To play this game you will need the ‘colour me’ pictures attached and some colouring pencils or felt tips.

Give your child the ‘colour me’ sheet and use the instruction card to give your child some instructions that involve conditional words.

You may have to explain to your child what each of the conditional words mean,

- ‘Colour the dinosaur green but not if he has a hat’
- ‘That means if the dinosaur has a hat then you don’t colour him green.’

Variations

To make this game easier keep the instructions short and only work on one conditional word or phrase at a time e.g. just use the instructions that feature ‘unless’.

To make this game harder use longer instructions or make up some instructions involving two conditions.

- ‘Colour the cat orange unless it is stripy then colour it black.’
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Colour Teddy but not if he is grumpy.

Colour the fish blue but not if there is a football.

Colour the dinosaur but not the one wearing a hat.

Colour the balloons but not if they are next to a fish.

Colour the sock but not if it is spotty.

Colour the dinosaur green unless you have coloured the grumpy teddy.

Colour the kite red and green unless you have coloured the dinosaur’s hat purple.

Colour a balloon yellow but not if you have coloured the stripy sock.

Colour the grumpy teddy unless there is a green fish.

Colour a balloon yellow unless you have already coloured the kite.

Colour the spotty sock red if you have coloured the happy teddy.

Colour the dinosaur’s hat purple unless you have coloured the dinosaur green. If you have then colour the hat orange.

Colour the balloons red and yellow but not if you have already coloured the fish. If you have then colour the balloons green and purple.