



Suggestions To "Turn On" Bright Children At Home

1. Play Scrabble 'ad lib' or Spill & Spell, using only words around a theme. For example, farm, Christmas, weather. Kids must give rationale for words used.
2. Pick a household item and invent 10 new uses for it apart from the obvious. Design the perfect broom, vacuum cleaner, stove, sink.
3. Listen to a foreign radio station. Pick up a foreign newspaper and explore it with the child; listen to the music. Borrow records from the library.
4. Plan a trip and mention problems that arise. Let the kids solve the problem with yellow pages and newspapers and highway maps.
5. Write letters to manufacturers praising or complaining about their products. Make suggestions for improvement. Include a catchy commercial jingle. Discuss commercials for obvious and hidden messages. Enter a manufacturer's contest.
6. Invite an elderly member of the family to discuss old times and life 50 years ago. Design a family crest or flag depicting family history and symbols of your family's value system. Prepare a motto to accompany the crest.
7. Investigate various forms of communication in your home: body language, facial expressions, conversation, animal communication, media. Design your own code of communication.
8. Chart the routine of animals and plan a change in habits. Record the changes in behavior in the development of a habit. Design the perfect fictitious household pet, borrowing characteristics of other animals.