

Episode: “Silly Springee”

Bonbon lets Albie play with a new toy, but Albie has so much fun that it's difficult to share! Albie visits Karen and Sharon, two singers who share the microphone in their duet, and learns that in order to be a caring friend, it's important to take turns.

Activity

Materials:

Story card materials:

- Printer and story card printable
- Scissors
- Coloring supplies
- Two players

Microphone materials:

- Toilet paper roll or paper towel roll
- Aluminum foil
- Tape

Steps:

1. Watch the episode “Silly Springee,” and notice how Karen and Sharon share the microphone to take turns singing a song.
2. Print the story cards template, or make your own cards. Story cards are pictures of all kinds of people, places and things that can inspire a silly story.
3. Color in the story cards, and cut them out. Stack up your cards face down and set aside.
4. If you want to make a microphone to use in your game, crumple up a few pieces of aluminum foil to create a foil ball.
5. Tape the foil ball to the top of your toilet paper or paper towel roll (hint: use a lot of tape!). Voilà! You have a microphone.
6. Now it's time to play. The first player picks a card from the deck and starts to tell a story into the microphone about the picture on their card. Make sure to just tell a little bit of the story before passing the microphone to the next player.



No printer? No problem! Draw your own story cards!



7. The next player takes the mic and selects a new card, building on the last player's story with the new picture.
8. Keep taking turns until you've run out of cards or you've finished telling your very silly story!

Tips

- Passing the microphone back and forth helps to reinforce who is listening and who is talking. You can use anything as a microphone, even a hairbrush or a pen.
- Keep practicing taking turns by switching who gets to go first or who finishes the story each time you play.
- If your storytellers get a bit long-winded, try setting a timer for each turn.
- Practice using sequential words with your child. Every story needs a beginning, middle and end. For more practice with storytelling, check out the *Albie's Elevator* "Stories" episode.

In this activity, your child:

- Practiced taking turns and sharing
- Made up a story using people, places and things as prompts
- Listened to a partner and expanded on their thoughts

Talk to your child! Conversation Starters:

- Sharing can be hard, even for grown-ups. What's the most challenging part of sharing for you?
- We usually read stories together. Making one up from our imaginations is new! What did you like most about this storytelling game? What was hardest for you?
- Karen and Sharon talk about the importance of sharing and caring. What do you think it means to be a caring friend?
- Is it ever okay not to share? Sometimes, a child has an object or a comfort toy that is very special to them that might not always be for sharing. Some items, like food and cups, also shouldn't be shared. Talk with your child about those nuances as they are ready to understand them.

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Keep Going!

Draw your Story

After you tell your silly story, draw what happened! Try to remember the different parts of the story and draw out the sequence of events to tape together into a visual story map.

Make a Rhyming Story

Challenge each other to make the parts of your story rhyme, even if you're just rhyming nonsense words or sounds. Each person says two lines for their story card, making the second line rhyme with the first. The sillier the better.

Vocabulary

Sharing: To take turns doing something

Sequence: The order in which something happens





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That's (Not) Mine! by Anna Kang

Two bears disagree over who gets to sit in the comfy chair.

It's Mine! by Leo Lionni

Three frogs learn the importance of sharing when a big storm comes.