

## Random Word Association

### I. Challenges:

- a) a toy for a child who wants to be an astronaut
- b) a toy for a child who wants to be a florist
- c) a toy for a child who wants to be a fry cook

### II. Random words and associations:

- 1. Horse – daycare (there are horses next to my girls' daycare)
- 2. Banana – peel (there is a peel around bananas)
- 3. Bookcase – book (you put books in a bookcase)
- 4. Coffee – foam (I love cappuccino)
- 5. Iceberg – whales (I saw whales and icebergs in Greenland)
- 6. Ballon - noise (they make noise when they burst)
- 7. Carpet – cleaning (mine need a cleaning)
- 8. Rainbow – mouse (children book about three mice and a rainbow)
- 9. Painting – smell (fresh paint has a strong smell)
- 10. Soap – bubbles (you can make bubbles with soap)
- 11. architecture – Philharmonic (I love the Walt Disney Hall in L.A)
- 12. Farm – market (Farmer's market)
- 13. roof – umbrella (protection against rain)
- 14. Cloud – rain (rain comes from clouds)
- 15. Butter – peanut (peanut butter)

### III. ideas and toys

For the wannabe astronaut:

#6 – noise. What kind of noise is there in a spaceship? And what about the outer space? What about communicating with the Earth?

Idea: a toy that make sounds from the space. The child can talk in it, and there are pre-recorded answers that are common sentences that people from the station say when talking to astronauts in a spaceship.

***Houston! Houston! Radio – Switch this radio on, and you will hear sounds from space! Talk in it, and listen to the answers from “people at the station”!***

#10– bubbles. Soap bubbles “float in space”, as do planets in the sky.

Idea: one little bubble for each planet of the solar system, they can be manipulate with care and stay in place for a while in the air. They have to be arranged in the good order.

***Bubble floating planets – Blow those magic bubbles (one for each planet of our solar system), and gently manipulate them to put them in the right place. They won't burst and will stay in place for up to two hours!***

#8 – mouse. If you have a mouse in your house, chances are that you hear it often, but rarely see it; it eats in your cupboards, but hides pretty well. Maybe aliens on other planet are hard to see, too.

Idea: a small green alien (or whatever color) that goes hiding around the house and, if found, says a friendly “hello” in an unknown language (makes Mom scream if she finds it accidentally – double fun).

***My little green hiding friend – This funny little green companion loves playing hide-and-seek. Let him find a hiding place; he will greet you with friendly words in his own language when you find him!***

For the wannabe florist:

#1 – daycare. Care, preservation. It would be nice to have a lotion that preserves flowers in the state they are before they fanned – not dried, but maybe somewhat plastified.

Idea: a liquid that plastify flowers.

***Everlasting flowers elixir – Put the liquid from the little bottle on a flower and let it air dry; you'll have a beautiful flower for weeks!***

#4 – foam. Foam can be used in bath, it is somehow shapeable.

Idea: four 4 little bottles of a liquid that makes bath foam with 4 different colors, and thick enough so that it keeps its shape. A model with how to make flowers would be provided with it, and the flower, with four different smells, could be used to wash hair and body.

***Scented shapeable bath foam – Pour these four bottles in your bath, and you'll get a super thick foam that keeps its shape***

***and smells heavenly good! Build your own flower, and wash your hair and body with it when you're done!***

# 13 – umbrellas. Can be open or folded.

Idea: 7 long sticks that can be open like umbrellas, and that look like flowers. Can be “planted” for instance in play-doh.

***Foldable flowers – Those 7 beautiful flowers open and fold like umbrellas! Take them in your backpack, open them and stick them into play-doh on your desk! When you leave, fold them back and take them to the next place!***

For the wannabe fry cook:

#14 – Rain. Water. Dehydrated food.

Idea: cereals that, when put into milk, make a noise of a fried thing, grow, and take the shape of French fries, calamari, tempura, or onions rings.

***Pop up fried-like goodies - Those cereals are not your ordinary cereals! Put them into milk, and listen to them: they make the sound of food being fried! Open your eyes wide, and watch them becoming French fries, calamari, tempura, or onions rings!***

#9 – smell. Do different fried things each have a different smell?

Idea: a card reader, with 10 cards with a draw of something that can be fry on one side, and black on the other side. When the card is inserted in the reader, it liberates the smell of the thing being fried.

***“What that’s smell?” cards reader – Insert one of the 10 cards in the card reader, close your eyes and try to guess what smells like this! Train yourself, or trick your friends!***

#2 – peel. Peel protects the fruit. It goes in the compost. A banana peel is slippery if we step on it. Peels is around the fruit, as the batter is around the tempura before being fried.

Idea: a paste that can be roll in a ball and be rolled flat, put around any object and put into water – it changes texture and color. When dry, can be peeled of the object and roll into a ball again.

***Reusable batter - That soft orange dough will surprise you! Roll it flat, coat any object with it, and put the object into the water; watch it change its texture and its color! When dry, roll it into a ball, and its ready to coat something else!***