

Fireworks Dance Party

Equipment

Yourselves!

Optional: streamers, balloons, tinsel

Vocabulary

Core – again, bad, big, come, different, do, don't, down, fast, feel, go, good, happy, I, it, like, look, me, more, my, off, on, ready, sad, slow, stop, turn, up, want, what, you

Fringe – spin, bang, pop, dance, fun,

What to do

1. First have a go at coming up with different dance moves to match different fireworks (e.g. for a sparkler it might be to spin all around while wiggling your fingers and a rocket might be crouching on the floor and then jumping up in the air. You can also use props to help – such as streamers or balloons or tinsel)
2. Explain the rules of the game to everyone, as follows:
 - One person will give instructions for how the other people should dance
 - When the person giving the instructions says “Simon Says” at the beginning of the instruction, everyone should dance. If the person doesn't say “Simon Says” then everyone should stay still. You could program some of these phrases into an AAC device for people to choose from if they want to have a go at giving instructions!
3. Put on some party music and have fun!

NB – This activity can be adapted dependent on the ability of the individual you are supporting. If an individual needs a high-level of physical support this can be provided. Alternatives to dancing could include directing others, holding up fireworks pictures to match the instructions, playing a matching fireworks sound, picture or video on an AAC device. **If you need any support to program any of the above ideas onto your AAC device, please contact your local consultant!**

Sentence Ideas

1WL – go, good, happy, fast, slow, stop, bad

2WL – go fast, go down, do different, I turn

3WL – I like it, this is good, you ready go?

Language Functions

Requesting – again, my turn, more dance

Directing – go fast, you stop! slow

Commenting – I feel happy, you good

Refusing – let's stop now, don't want do that

Interjecting – Oops! Oh dear! Haha!

Generalisation

Consider using similar core vocabulary and sentence examples provided here to model language for other party games such as musical chairs, pass the parcel or sleeping lions!