



# Read-the-Message Simon Says

*This game combines early literacy with the childhood favorite, Simon Says.*

**Objective:** To practice reading and following simple commands.

**Players:** 2 to 30 children

**Materials:** Simon Says Calling Cards

**Preparation:** Cut apart the command cards.

## To Play the Game.....

- 1 Let the students see the cards before starting the game.
- 2 Explain to the children that this is a variation of the game Simon Says. You will not say any words at all. Instead, you will show

a card that is either blank or has the words "Simon Says" on it, and then you will show one of the command cards. If you show the "Simon Says" card first, students are to follow the command all at once. If you show the blank card first, students are to remain still.

- 3 Play continues until the "Clap your hands" card is shown.

## Variations.....

- ✦ Create a list of your own command cards.
- ✦ Let students take turns as leader.



**Raise your hand.**

**Touch your head.**

**Whisper your name.**

**Say, "Hello."**

**Wave.**

**Say, "Good-bye."**

**Point to the window.**

**Knock on the table.**

**Open your mouth.**

**Close your eyes.**

**Stand up.**



**Sit down.**

**Point to the door.**

**Walk.**

**Cry.**

**Laugh.**

**Touch your foot.**

**Smile.**

**Wiggle your nose.**

**Clap your hands.**

(blank)

**Simon Says**

