



BIRTHDAY LEFT-RIGHT PARTY GAME

How to Play



This game is designed for 6-12 players.

You'll Need:

- A small wrapped gift equal to the number of players. It is more fun (and funny!) if most of the gifts are silly, age-appropriate “gag” gifts, and one or two are “desirable gifts”. All intended to be inexpensive!
- Print the story to be read by someone other than the players.

To Play:

- Have everyone sit in a circle, and place the gifts in the center. Starting with the birthday boy/girl- each guest picks a gift. Continue around the circle so that everyone has a starting gift, but do not open it!
- Read the story aloud, passing gifts LEFT and RIGHT as the story describes.
- At the end of the story- everyone opens the gift they ended with!

The Birthday Girl's LEFT-RIGHT Game

Have you met our birthday girl- __(first name)__ RIGHT? Her Mom's name is Mrs. RIGHT, her Dad's name is Mr. RIGHT, and her dog's name is Buddy RIGHT. And this a story about how nothing went RIGHT on __(first name)__ RIGHT's birthday this year.

At 8am, her alarm went off without a hitch, and __(first name)__ RIGHT leapt from her bed and ran to the mirror- but what she saw LEFT her somewhat disappointed. "I don't look a day older," she said.

She ran downstairs where Mrs. RIGHT, Mr. RIGHT, and Buddy RIGHT were having their regular breakfast of Fruit Loop pancakes and strawberry syrup, but nothing was LEFT by the time she sat down at the table! Even worse- they all hopped RIGHT up and LEFT the table without even saying goodbye!

Did her family forget that today was her birthday?

So __(first name)__ RIGHT grabbed a Captain Crunch donut, tossed on her backpack, and walked to the bus stop alone. There she met up with her best friend- who smiled and said "hi" and went RIGHT back to watching makeup tutorials on YouTube.

Did her best friend forget that today was her birthday?

__(first name)__ RIGHT went to her first three classes of the day, and no one said "Happy Birthday".

At lunchtime, she sat at her usual table, with her usual friends, and they talked about all of the usual things. And no one mentioned her birthday.

As __(first name)__ RIGHT was tying her shoes after gym class, she thought, "Wow- there's almost no time LEFT in the day for anyone to wish me a Happy Birthday. Am I going to be LEFT without a birthday cake this year? Will there be no presents? What is the RIGHT way to remind everyone?"

When __(first name)__ RIGHT got home after school, the house was quiet and dark. So she went upstairs to start her homework without even stopping first to grab a snack. She popped her headphones in, turned on some music, and got to work.

Around 5:00pm, she heard her Mom, Mrs. RIGHT's car pull into the garage. And __(first name)__ RIGHT knew that she just had to say something! Honestly, she was LEFT with no other choice- it's just not RIGHT to forget someone's birthday!

The only thing LEFT to do was the march RIGHT downstairs and talk to her Mom about it!

And that's when it happened...

As soon as her LEFT foot hit the bottom step, the lights came on, and __(first name)__ RIGHT saw that her home was full of people! All of her family and friends were there smiling next to a birthday cake full of candles and a table full of presents!

__(first name)__ RIGHT said, "I thought you all forgot that today was my birthday!"

And they responded RIGHT away, "All RIGHT, we confess- we wanted to make tonight's celebration a surprise!"

All of the excitement LEFT __(first name)__ RIGHT so happy inside! And as she went to sleep that night, she decided everything that day really had gone all RIGHT.

The Birthday Boy's LEFT-RIGHT Game

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