

BRIDAL SHOWER

Left Right Game

THE RULES, 3 READ-ALOUD STORIES AND HOST SHEETS

5 printable pages

+ 3 games

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The Left Right Game

How to play: 1 story, 1 gift, about 10 guests

1. Seat everyone in a circle and hand one wrapped gift to one guest.
2. On LEFT, pass the gift one seat left. On RIGHT, pass it one seat right.
3. Read slowly. Pause a second after each cue so the gift can move.
4. Every cue counts, even in “right away” or “left the house.”
5. Whoever holds the gift on the last word keeps it.
6. More than 10 guests? See the host checklist.



Story 1: The Maid of Honor's Big Morning

READ ALOUD

22 cue words. Pass on every LEFT and RIGHT. The gift moves across 10 seats and ends 8 seats to the right of the guest who starts.

The maid of honor woke up and knew **RIGHT** away that today had to go **RIGHT**. She checked the list stuck **RIGHT** on her fridge: cake, flowers, games. She got dressed **RIGHT** then, grabbed her keys and walked **RIGHT** out the door, **RIGHT** on schedule.

Halfway down the street, she gasped. The cake! She had **LEFT** it on the kitchen counter. She made a quick U-turn, turned **LEFT** at the bakery corner and raced home.

The cake was sitting **RIGHT** where she put it. She carried it out **RIGHT** away and set it **RIGHT** in the middle of the back seat. "All **RIGHT**," she said. "We're back on track, **RIGHT**?"

At the venue, the bride's mom waved from the **LEFT** side of the room. "The balloons are here, but the florist **LEFT** the flowers at the wrong address." There was only one thing **LEFT** to try: the maid of honor called the florist.

The florist said sorry and came **RIGHT** over. The flowers looked **RIGHT** at home on every table.

Guests poured in, and soon there wasn't an empty chair **LEFT**. One cousin filled her bingo card with three numbers still **LEFT** to call.

The bride hugged her maid of honor and said, "You got everything **RIGHT**." And this gift goes home with whoever is holding it **RIGHT** now.



Story 2: The Couple's Late Start

READ ALOUD

For a couples shower. 20 cue words. The gift moves across 11 seats and ends 10 seats to the right of the guest who starts.

Sam and Alex overslept on the day of their own shower. Alex sat up **RIGHT** away. "We have to go **RIGHT** now," he said. Sam found the **RIGHT** outfit in record time and said, "All **RIGHT**, I'm ready." They ran out the door **RIGHT** behind the dog walker.

They had a plan. Sam turned **LEFT** toward the bakery for the cupcakes, and Alex went the other way for the flowers. The bakery had six cupcakes **LEFT**, and Sam bought every one. The flower stall had a single bouquet **LEFT**, and Alex grabbed it.

They met back at the car **RIGHT** on time. "Did you get the **RIGHT** flowers?" Sam asked. "The **RIGHT** ones," Alex said. "And you got the cupcakes, **RIGHT**?" They drove **RIGHT** to the party and parked **RIGHT** by the front door.

Inside, the guests had already set up the shoe game. Sam and Alex sat back to back, each holding one of their own shoes and one of the other's. "Who **LEFT** the dishes in the sink this morning?" Both raised Alex's shoe. "Who is always **LEFT** waiting at the door?" Both raised Alex's shoe again, and everyone laughed.

The host clapped. "You two got every answer **RIGHT**." Alex put an arm around Sam. "See? We make a good team, **RIGHT**?" The cupcakes were **RIGHT** there on the table, and the party went on. And this gift belongs to whoever is holding it **RIGHT** now.



Story 3: The Short Story

READ ALOUD

For when time is tight, or as a warm-up round. 18 cue words. The gift moves across 9 seats and ends 8 seats to the right of the guest who starts.

Two hours before the shower, the bride's sister looked at the flowers and knew **RIGHT** away they were not **RIGHT**. She called the florist **RIGHT** then. No answer. So she grabbed her keys and drove **RIGHT** to the market, **RIGHT** before the morning rush.

The roses on the **LEFT** were too red, and there were only a few tulips **LEFT**.

But the tulips were the **RIGHT** color, so she bought them **RIGHT** there. Back home, her mom said, "Those are just **RIGHT**." They put them **RIGHT** in the vase, **RIGHT** next to the cake.

Then she remembered the ribbon. She had **LEFT** it in the car. She ran out, turned **LEFT** at the mailbox and found it on the back seat, **LEFT** behind with the gift bags.

The guests arrived **RIGHT** on time, and the bride said everything looked **RIGHT**. Now, who takes home this gift? Whoever is holding it **RIGHT** now.



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Twists for Round Two

Add one twist once the group has the hang of it

1. “Mr. Right”: skip the pass, or pass left. Add the phrase a few times.
2. Names flip the next cue: LEFT means right, RIGHT means left. Not for Story 2.
3. “Across”: the gift goes to the guest opposite. Two or three times only.
4. Change speed: one paragraph slow, the next one fast.
5. Twists change the path: the seat counts hold only for a straight read.



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Host Checklist



Everything to set up before you read, how many gifts your group needs, and the house rules to say out loud first.

Before the shower

- [ ] Print the story you will read
- [ ] Wrap the gift well: it gets handled a lot
- [ ] Chairs in a circle, or a ring of couches
- [ ] Pick a reader: the host or the maid of honor
- [ ] Decide: the bride plays, or she reads

Gifts: one or two winners

- [ ] Up to 10 guests: 1 gift
- [ ] 11 to 15: 2 gifts, opposite sides
- [ ] 16 to 20: 2 gifts, opposite sides
- [ ] 21 to 30: 3 gifts, evenly spaced
- [ ] More than 30: two circles, 2 gifts each
- [ ] Story 3: 1 gift for every 9 guests

Gifts: several winners

- [ ] About 10 guests: 3 gifts, spaced out
- [ ] About 15 guests: 5 gifts
- [ ] 16 to 20: 5 or 6 gifts, spaced out
- [ ] 21 to 30: two circles, 3 to 5 gifts each
- [ ] More than 30: two circles, 5 or 6 each
- [ ] No two neighbors start with a gift

House rules (say them first)

- [ ] Two gifts in one lap: pass both on the next cue
- [ ] Two gifts on the last word: keep one, give one away
- [ ] Dropped gift: hand it back, reread the last sentence
- [ ] Wrong-way pass: let it go
- [ ] Two circles: one reader for both

Prize ideas (small, unbreakable)

- [ ] Candle in a tin, bath bombs, hand cream
- [ ] Face mask set, chocolates, a small plant
- [ ] Couples: snacks or a coffee gift card
- [ ] Skip glass and anything that rattles



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Reader's Key



The path of the gift in each story, read straight through. RIGHT is +1, LEFT is -1. Totals are seats from the guest who starts, at the end of each paragraph.

Story 1: The Maid of Honor's Big Morning

- [ ] 22 cues: 15 RIGHT, 7 LEFT
- [ ] Totals by paragraph: +6, +4, +9, +6, +8, +6, +8
- [ ] Farthest point: 9 seats right. Ends 8 seats right
- [ ] Crosses 10 seats: 1 gift for about 10 guests

Story 2: The Couple's Late Start

- [ ] 20 cues: 15 RIGHT, 5 LEFT
- [ ] Totals by paragraph: +5, +2, +8, +6, +10
- [ ] Farthest point and end: 10 seats right
- [ ] Crosses 11 seats: 1 gift for about 10 guests

Story 3: The Short Story

- [ ] 18 cues: 13 RIGHT, 5 LEFT
- [ ] Totals by paragraph: +5, +3, +8, +5, +8
- [ ] Farthest point and end: 8 seats right
- [ ] Crosses 9 seats: 1 gift for every 9 guests



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Write Your Own Story



Write cues in runs. RIGHT is +1, LEFT is -1. Reach +8 and end at +6 or more: the gift crosses about 9 seats.

STORY TITLE _____

CUE NO.	LINE OR PHRASE	LEFT OR RIGHT	RUNNING TOTAL