

# Creative Problem Solving Skills

## Phrasing Challenges as Questions

Instead of offering a ready answer or fixing a problem yourself, offer a question in return to give your child agency and empower them to come up with a solution on their own.

What might be all  
the ways...?

How might  
I/we/you...?

# Applied Improvisation

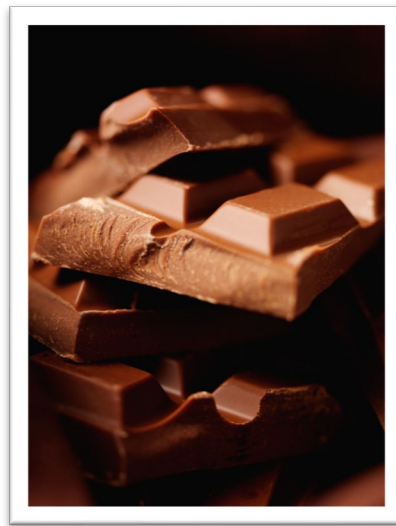
## What Are You Doing?

Player 1 picks a pair of initials a, for example, MC. They ask Player 2 “What are you doing?” and Player 2 responds with an activity or phrase using those two initials. Then Player 2 asks Player 1 “What are you doing?” and Player 1 responds with something new using the two initials.

For even more fun, act out the activity when you answer.



Making coffee



Munching  
chocolate



Mailing cards

Variation: use spelling words. For example “train” might lead to “Teaching rainy animals in New Mexico.”

# Imperfect Art

## Paper Bag Picassos

Take a paper bag and put a blank sheet of paper inside. You can also put a bigger piece of paper on top of your blank piece of paper – you just need to block the blank paper from your own view as much as possible.

While looking at your partner, draw a portrait of them with your hand and pen inside the bag/under the paper. You have 30 seconds to draw your partner, and they draw you. At the end, reveal your portraits!

