

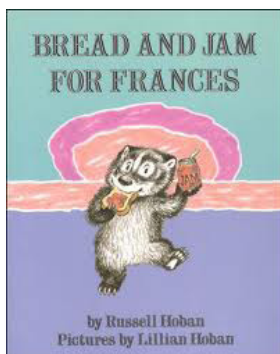
# Never NOT EVER!

## Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Explain to your child that you are going to play a game in which you use your imagination to think of activities that you would never want to do.
- ❖ Introduce the phrase "Never NOT EVER." Ask your child to think of something that he or she would never NOT EVER do. Take turns thinking of different possibilities, and talk about why you would not want to do these things.
- ❖ Have fun playing with your ideas, e.g. "I will never NOT EVER swim in a pool with an alligator!" Encourage your child to imagine what might happen if you did.
- ❖ Mix some serious ideas with silly ones, e.g. "I will never NOT EVER be a litter-bug." Help your child understand the difference between realistic and imaginative possibilities.



## A good read-together book



**Bread and Jam for Frances**  
by Russell Hoban

This activity is good for imagining, learning to play with ideas and sorting ideas into categories.

## Hints for success

- ❖ Take the first turn to show your child how the game works.
- ❖ Encourage your child to have fun with imagination.



## Ways to say it

# More ideas for Never NOT EVER!

## Try this way

- ❖ Change the game to talk about things you will do "always and forever," e.g. "I will always and forever love reading books with you" or "I will always and forever hate the feel of wet socks on my feet."
- ❖ Read the book **Bread and Jam for Frances**. Talk about how people sometimes change their minds and do things they said they would never do. Use yourself as an example.

## Language development

Introduce new words to talk about your imaginary ideas, e.g. "preposterous," "ridiculous," "outrageous," "unbelievable" or "disgusting." Have fun playing with big words, e.g. "I think it would be disgusting to eat worms on toast!"

## Creativity and imagination

Read the book **I Will Never NOT EVER Eat a Tomato** together. Enjoy the imaginative ways that food is described to make it more attractive. Then try the same approach with your own "never NOT EVER" ideas.



## Book link

**I Will Never NOT EVER Eat a Tomato**  
by Lauren Child