

PARLOR GAMES

Parlor games were very popular in the 19th century. These are group games played indoors, often in the parlor, which is an old-fashioned name for a living room. All you needed was paper, pencils, and a good imagination to play most of these games. Some parlor games were word games, like Ghost. Others were more active, like Musical Chairs. Acting was popular, too, in games like Charades. Many parlor games were just silly fun, such as The Little Fortune Teller. Below is a version of this game, which is simple to play.

First, finish the missing fortunes. Fill in each blank with something fun you or a friend would like to come true. Now you're ready to seek your fortune. Close your eyes and put your finger on a square. Which square did you touch? Find that number in the list of fortunes to learn your future, and then let your friends have a turn!

THE LITTLE
FORTUNE TELLER

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| 10 | 18 | 7 | 3 | 19 |
| 21 | 1 | 25 | 9 | 12 |
| 8 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 23 |
| 16 | 24 | 2 | 17 | 5 |
| 4 | 11 | 22 | 6 | 14 |

1. Fun and games with a friend.
2. A surprise gift.
3. Money comes your way.
4. _____
5. Laughter before bedtime.
6. Hollywood stardom.
7. Hard work pays off.
8. A trip around the world.
9. Someone special thinks of you.
10. _____
11. A mystery is made clear.
12. A visit to a museum.
13. Exciting adventure coming soon.
14. Time to clean your room.
15. _____
16. Extra dessert for you!
17. A long journey is coming soon.
18. A serious quarrel.
19. _____
20. You will keep your promise.
21. A good friendship.
22. Fun new books to read.
23. Something long lost is found.
24. _____
25. A winning team at last!

FOR MORE FUN, MAKE YOUR OWN FORTUNE TELLER GAME!

1. Draw a big box and mark it into squares.
2. Number the squares, but mix them up as you go. The more squares you have, the better.
3. Write a fortune for each number. Then find a friend to try it out!