

Semaphoria

This game was designed to help you get to know your neighbours through playful prompts. Some people on your street might be feeling very lonely, or may be just bored. Let's get chatting from our windows!

The game includes:

- > 3 special flags
- > 2 action flags
- > 3 subject flags
- > This code book!



How to play


In your pack you'll find a poster with 8 postcard-size flags. To play, first you need to cut them out.

If you want to play, add the flag pictured above to your window - this means 'I'm playing!' Your playmates are whoever can see the flag in your window, so pick a visible location.

Next, you need to combine an action flag and a subject flag. This will tell your neighbours what their challenge is. Put your action flag and subject flag in the window next to your "I'm playing" flag.

These flags change meaning depending on how you position them.

For example  +  means "draw" and "pet."

But  +  means "write" and "family member."

These flags are inspired by the flags that people use to communicate at sea, and there are 96 total combinations to play with. Later in this booklet you will find a key, so you can decode your challenges.

These combinations are very vague, aren't they? Drawing a pet is simple, but how do you build a family member? You don't have to take any of the challenges literally, and you decide how you combine the action and the subject in your response.

Your neighbours have until 7pm next Thursday to respond to your challenge. Always leave at least five days for people to respond. This game is designed to go slowly, so don't put too much pressure on yourselves or each other.

Your neighbours will send challenges to you as well, and the same rules apply. You can respond to challenges as creatively or literally as you like, so long as you follow social distancing guidelines. Responses can be displayed in windows, or if your response is a performance, you can perform from the window or from your doorstep.

Once your challenge has been completed, take down your flags and put up a new challenge! Keep looking out for new challenges in your neighbourhood, and see how many creative conversations you can have.

On the other side of this booklet, you'll find the code.

Do



dance



find



act out



Sing (or rap,
or recite)

Make



build



draw



make



write

People



An animal in your
home, or your
favourite animal.



A fictional
character who
is like you



A family member,
or someone you
live with



A famous person
you really like, or
really dislike

Places



The colour of a
room in your
home.



A place that feels
like home.



A place in Barking &
Dagenham or London
that you miss.



A place you want to
visit.

Feelings



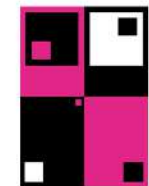
Something sad
or lonely.



Something happy
or exciting.



Something calm
or calming.



Something angry
or frustrating.

Codebook



I'm Playing!

Display this flag at any orientation to let
your neighbours know you're playing.



Reaching Out.

Sometimes people just need a friendly chat.
Hang this in your window to let someone know
you are safe to talk to - remember to keep to
social distancing rules!



Thank you!

It is nice to let people know you appreciate playing,
connecting or having a chat - this flag lets you tell
your neighbours you appreciate their support.