**Brain Builder Games**

These simple and fun brain-building games are designed to boost children’s skills for paying attention and controlling their behavior. These skills help children do better in school and get along with others. Play these games with your children to help them strengthen their ability to:

- Pay attention to the game leader, the rules, and how they’re doing in the game
- Remember and apply game rules that change or get harder
- Control their behavior, for example, by starting or stopping an action in order to follow game rules

**Making Games Easier or Harder**

Brain builders can be made easier or harder to match your children’s needs. It’s a good idea to make the game harder as children get better at playing it. The Brain Builder directions list different levels of challenge for the game.

**Tell Children the Games Will Help Their Brains Grow Stronger**

It’s important to tell children that these games make their brains grow stronger. Children learn that when playing the games, they are building their brains’ ability to focus attention, remember and follow rules, and control behavior. Understanding this is important for children to get the most out of the games.

**Helping Your Child Improve**

Watch your children while you are playing the game, and note which parts they find most challenging. Focus on these areas the next time you play the game.