

**Did Ya Ever?**

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| **# of people to play:** +2 | **Best for ages:**  +7 |
| **Equipment needed:** None **Social and Emotional (SEL) Competencies:** Social Awareness & Relationship Skills  **SEL Skills Practiced:** Perspective-taking & Taking turns | **Setup/Teaching Time:**  1-2 minutes |

### **Set Up**

* “Did Ya Ever?” is a word game that can be played anywhere - even virtually. Play with a small group in person or play on a video call with a few friends.
* Find someone or a group to play with!

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### **Review SEL Skills Practiced:**

* **Perspective-Taking:** Looking beyond your own point of view, so you can consider how someone else may think or feel about something.
* **Taking Turns:** making sure everyone is included and has a chance to be involved in roles in which they are happy.

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### **How to Play**

* The goal of the game is to create silly and ridiculous stories - one word at a time.
* One person starts the game by saying “Did Ya Ever?”
* The next person says one word to continue the sentence.
* The next person says the next word and so on…
* Keep adding words to the story and see where it goes! Anyone can start a new story by saying “Did Ya Ever?”

**SEL Game Debriefs**

* How did it feel to give everyone a turn instead of being able to create the whole story on your own?
* Did you find that you had a good idea for the next word when it wasn’t your turn? How did you react to the words other people said?
* When might it be important to take turns at home? Why is it important?

### **Academic Applications**

* Encourage stories to contain elements learned in class. Ex - a retelling of the water cycle, how food moves through the digestive system, the difference between a reptile and a mammal, etc.

### **At-Home Accommodations**

* Play during a meal or in the car.

### **Modifications for Social Distancing**

* Make sure everyone has a 6-foot bubble around them.