

The Minister's Cat

About: The Minister's Cat was a popular parlor game played in the mid to late 1800s. Like many word games at the time, it involved knowing a lot of vocabulary and having a lot of creativity.

How to Play: This game involves two or more players who will sit in a circle. Each player will take a turn reciting a phrase which describes the minister's cat with an adjective beginning with the next letter in the alphabet.

For example, the first person to take a turn starts describing the cat with the first letter of the alphabet, "A". Each person will take a turn using the subsequent letter in the alphabet.

The common phrase goes like this:

"The minister's cat is a [adjective] cat."

For example, the first player might say something like: "The minister's cat is an **A**wesome cat."

The second player: "The minister's cat is a **B**lack cat."

The third player: "The minister's cat is a **C**ozy cat."

And so, on until you reach the letter **Z**!

If you cannot come up with an adjective within 5 seconds you are out of the game!