

## Slap Bang



### At A Glance

Highly-focused, energetic & fun partner-duelling game.

### Benefits

- Playful
- Energising
- Rock-Paper-Scissors variation
- Promotes critical-thinking
- No props

**Time** 1 - 2 min

**People** Mini 1 – 7

### Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Form into pairs, standing a metre apart from each other.
2. Establish (and practice for 5 seconds) a beat by slapping open hands on thighs, about once per second.
3. Introduce three unique physical gestures, asking your group to mimic them one at a time:
  - Safe: arms crossed on chest and fingers resting on shoulders;
  - Loading: with fingers clenched and thumbs pointing over the top of your shoulders; and
  - Bang: with both hands forming a gun-like gesture in front of the body.
4. Between beats, an individual will strategically play one of these three gestures – Safe, Loading or Bang.
5. Safe and Loading gestures can be played at any time, but Bang may only be played directly after Loading.

6. When ready, each pair resumes the beat.
7. In each round, an individual aims to win by playing Bang at the same time their partner plays Loading.
8. All other combinations of gestures produce no result, so the beat will continue until a win is secured.
9. Play several rounds over 2 to 3 minutes, and then swap partners.

## Popular Variations

- **Circle Elimination:** Form a circle. On a predictable, possibly slower beat, each person assumes one of the three poses. All those who chose to 'Bang' will aim directly at one person across the other side of the circle, and if the latter is 'Loading,' this person is eliminated. Naturally, to 'Bang' one must have 'Loaded' first, and nothing happens when two people 'Bang' towards one another. Aim of the game is to be the last person standing.
- **Gotcha:** To adopt a less aggressive set of gestures, dispense with "BANG" and make it "GOTCHA" with a simple pointing of one's index fingers forward only.
- **Kinder Gestures:** Re-frame each of the three gestures to produce a positive result. For example, the Safe gesture means 'I'm happy at home,' the Loading gesture mean 'Come out to play,' and the Bang gesture means 'Okay.' An individual scores a point each time their 'Okay' meets their partner's 'Come out to play.'
- Take a look at Evolution and Giants Wizards Elves to explore two fun group games which also leverage a type of Rock-Paper-Scissors partner-duel.

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