

Simon Says Pay Attention #2

(Use after player has shown mastery at the previous activity.)



You can make the *Simon Say Pay Attention* activity more challenging by following the directions below. But it is very tricky. Have fun and don't take it too seriously! It might be a good idea to have the parent do this along with the child.

Tell the child:

Are you ready to try again, and make it a whole lot harder? This time, you will take different actions for different cues. You will still take one step forward when you hear the cue words **Simon** and **Says** and **Pays** and **Attention**. But if you hear the word **Back**, that's your cue to move one step back. And if you hear the word **Right**, that's your cue to move one step to the right. And if you hear the word **Left**, that's your cue to move one step to the left. Remember the skills: you not only have to listen carefully for the cues, you have to take the right action at the right time and **only** at the right time. Are you ready?

 \mathbf{F}_{ar} away, up on a hill, there lives a little rabbit. His name is \mathbf{Simon} .

Every morning Simon wakes up and says good morning to the world. Then he starts to explore, going up and down the hill, back and forth, moving to the right and then to the left. He sniffs around, looking for something to eat. He doesn't have to go to the store and pay for his food like we do. It's all right there for him to take. Whatever comes to his attention, that looks good, Simon eats it right up. This morning, Simon doesn't eat everything that he finds. So there is some left for the other rabbits. But he doesn't leave much, so they will have to pay close attention. "I'll come back later to see if they found it," Simon says to himself.

After Simon eats, he turns his attention to other things. "I think I will go back up the hill and pay my respects to Mrs. Robin, he says. And Simon hops right over to the tree where she lives. "Hi there, Simon," says Mrs. Robin, peering over the edge of her nest. "Let me finish feeding my babies and then I will give you my full attention." She turns back to her babies and feeds them until there isn't a worm left. Then she turns back to Simon. "I'll be right with you as soon as I get them all tucked in." She tucks each baby into the nest. She gives special attention to the little one, who wiggles a lot and sometimes falls right out of the nest. Then she turns back to Simon and flies down to meet him. "Hi, Simon," she says. "I'm so glad you've come to pay me a visit."