FAMILY NOSTALGIA NIGHT / ROUND ONE

What was this for?

A little yesterday, together. Name each object and say what it did. Everyday names count. Keep page 3 aside until everyone has had a turn.

ABOUT 20 MINUTES / NO TIMER / PLAY TOGETHER OR IN TEAMS

A



Name / use: _____

B



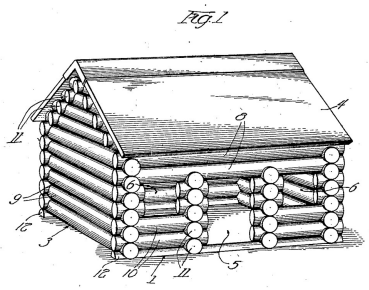
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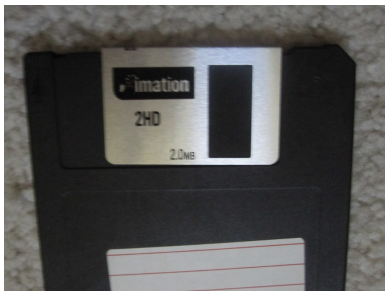
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Name / use: _____

E



Name / use: _____

F



Name / use: _____

Pass on any question. The stories matter more than a score.

ROUND TWO / ROOM TO REMEMBER

Let the stories wander.

Take turns choosing a prompt. There is no right answer. Listen, ask a follow-up, and let anyone pass. Different households had different routines.

01 The sound of home

Which everyday sound takes you back: a telephone bell, a kitchen tool, a door or something else? Describe it.

02 A place for everything

Where did your household keep its telephone, favorite tapes or small kitchen tools? What else was nearby?

03 Someone showed me how

Who taught you to use an unfamiliar object? What small trick made it easier?

04 The thing you kept

Is there an ordinary object you still have, or wish you had kept? What story comes with it?

05 One ordinary afternoon

Choose a year or a place. What might you have been making, listening to or playing with?

06 Tell me more

Ask someone about an object you never used. What would surprise a person seeing it for the first time?

One detail we want to remember:

HOST SHEET / KEEP THIS PAGE ASIDE

The answers, and a little more.

Accept close answers and familiar local names. These six objects are starting points for conversation, not a test of anyone's memory.

A Rotary-dial telephone

A household telephone with a dial for entering a number, one digit at a time.

B Hand-cranked eggbeater

Turning the crank drives the beaters through gears, mixing food without an electric motor. The picture is a stylized drawing.

C Audio cassettes

Magnetic tape in a small case could carry recorded music, voices or a homemade mixtape. These are audio tapes, not videotapes.

D Notched-log construction toy

Lincoln Logs is a familiar example. The notches help the little logs interlock. This is a 1920 patent drawing, not a photograph.

E 3.5-inch floppy disk

A removable magnetic disk used for computer files and software. The rigid plastic case protects the flexible disk inside.

F Coffee percolator and its parts

Water rises through the central tube and passes over coffee grounds in the basket. The modern photograph shows the pot and loose parts.

Sources & picture notes

A. Cooper Hewitt: Model 500 telephone

B. Smithsonian: Egg beater

C. Philips: First cassette recorder, 1963

D. National Park Service: Lincoln Logs toy

E. Computer History Museum: Floppy disks

F. Presto: Percolator tube and basket

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