Pioneer children did not have video games or other forms of electronic entertainment. They did enjoy playing games, however, and were always inventing new ways to have fun even when they were stuck inside.

For the Hot & Cold Game, you will just need a small object such as a button or wooden block. This is a type of hide-and-seek game that requires at least two players.

Select one person to hide the object and a second person to find the object.

The person who is going to find the object leaves the room. The person hiding the object may select any location for it that is within easy reach and full view inside the room. When the object is hidden, the finder is called back to search for the object.

Everyone helps the finder by saying “Warmer/Hotter/Burning” as the finder moves closer to the hidden object. They can also say “Cooler/Colder/Freezing” as the finder moves farther away from the hidden object.

Take turns hiding and finding the object.