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IF YOU CAN THINK-ET, YOU CAN PLAY IT

Looking for a clever, non-electronic, portable game to play with your kids while waiting for food in restaurants, biding time until the dentist appointment traveling by car or plane? Think-ets fits the bill.

Think-ets is a tiny pouch filled with high-quality, miniature trinkets from around the world that kids and their parents can use to play ten different games (with many more just waiting for invention). The games are simple but engaging. In "What's Missing," the players lay out 5 to 18 trinkets. Then while one player hides his eyes, the other removes a single trinket. The first player must then identify which trinket is missing. In "What's Your Story," a player starts a story based on a chosen trinket. Each subsequent player must continue that story using another trinket.

The pouch comes with 15 trinkets (such as a tiny ceramic coffee mug, a small book with actual pages and miniature workable pliers). Each pouch contains a different assortment of items, with some overlap. The game retails for \$12.99 and can be ordered online at think-ets.com. For those who love inventing new games or playing games in unusual places, the website offers a monthly contest to select a great place to play Think-ets or a new game using the trinkets.

