



## 'The Thinking Day Story' instructions

Tell the girls the words they need to listen for and what they should do when they hear one. You could try making a short game out of learning the words with the actions!

When the girls have a rough idea of the words and the actions, get them to stand in a space with a partner.

Now read 'The Thinking Day Story' on the next page. Pause a bit when the girls should be doing an action, you can help to remind them as necessary!

When you hear:

You should:

**Thinking Day**

Tap the side of your head and look thoughtful

**Birthday**

Say, "Happy Birthday!" and blow out imaginary candles

**Party or Parties**

Say, "Yahoo!" with one hand raised in the air

**Lord Baden-Powell**

Bow

**Lady Baden-Powell**

Curtsy

**London**

Make a bridge with a partner or pretend if you are on your own

**Boy Scouts**

Hold up two fingers and say, "Be Prepared"

**Girl Scouts**

Say, "Girl Power!" with fisted hands on hips

**Friends**

Shake hands with your partner or pretend if you are on your own

**World**

Spin in a circle (like a globe)



## The Thinking Day Story

What is **Thinking Day**?

**Thinking Day** is a very special **birthday**. It is the **birthday** of **Lord Baden-Powell** and **Lady Baden-Powell**.

What Do We Do on **Thinking Day**?

On **Thinking Day**, girls all over the **world** have **parties** to celebrate **Lord Baden-Powell** and **Lady Baden-Powell's birthdays**. On this special **birthday** we think of Girlguiding members all over the **world**. And they think of us in the same way on this day.

Who are **Lord Baden-Powell** and **Lady Baden-Powell**?

**Lord Baden-Powell** was born in England about 150 years ago! When he was an adult he wrote a book about camping, first aid, animals and lots of other things. He called this book "Scouting for Boys". Lots of boys in England bought the book. They loved it so much, they started little groups called **Boy Scouts**. In the groups they did all the activities **Lord Baden-Powell** talked about in his book and they talked to their **friends** about how much fun it was. In just a little while, **Boy Scout** groups began popping up all over the **world**.

**Lord Baden-Powell** had no idea how many boys there were in these groups so he decided to call them all together for a big **party** in **London**. He invited 'anyone doing Scouting' to come to the **party**. Was he ever surprised when eleven thousand boys showed up. But he was even more surprised by the small group of girls that came as well!

**Lord Baden-Powell** stood in front of the girls and asked, "Who are you?"

Together they replied proudly, "We are the **Girl Scouts**."

**Lord Baden-Powell's** sister **Lady Baden-Powell** was at the **party** too. She smiled at the girls, then turned to **Lord Baden-Powell** and said, "It looks like you're going to have to have to write a book for the girls too."

"Hmmm. How about you doing it, **Lady Baden Powell**?" replied **Lord Baden-Powell**.

And so **Lady Baden-Powell** wrote a handbook for the **Girl Scouts**. Over time younger girls wanted to join in the fun too, so the Brownies were formed.

Just like the **Boy Scouts**, the **Girl Scouts** spread all over the **world**!