

## The Fariy Game Review by Mr Young

The thunder claps, rattling the windows...the rain is pouring down. It is miserable outside but at least the warm fire is crackling away. What to do on a day like this?

"Let's open up the games cupboard!" Audrey exclaims. Not a bad idea. The girls rummage through the cupboard and out comes an old favourite: The Fairy Game.

The Fairy Game is 'a co-operative game for children' and it's won a 'Best Toy Award' in Germany. We like how the game is co-operative because in our house when we have winners and losers, we have fights and arguments! The Fairy Game is a card-based game, there are no dice or spinners. Each player takes turns to pick a card from the deck and plays based on the card they get. The board is not a course or track to follow either, which is cool; we have 4 coloured flowers, 4 matching coloured jewels and a giant wand...just the thing for the girls!

The object of the game is to get all of your jewels from the wand onto their matching flower. To do this, you must collect 3 matching coloured fairy cards. We have to work together collecting and trading the fairy cards so that we can get the jewels onto their flowers before the nasty Mr Winter covers one flower in ice.

Oh yes, Mr Winter! He is a meanie who wants to freeze the fairy flowers. When we pick up a card with Mr Winter, it is very exciting! We have to choose a Snowstorm Card card with a coloured flower on it. Whichever colour the flower is, we have to put an icicle on it! If four icicles get on one flower, Mr Winter wins...but if we can get our jewels to the flowers, we win!

The problem is, we always win. It's great for the girls, but the game would be better if Mr Winter had a decent chance of winning sometimes. It's great that the game is co-operative because we have to make strategies and I like that there's not a traditional game board. It's also nice to sit down with the girls and play a board game on a rainy day that doesn't descend into chaos. It's also got some cool cards like golden unicorns, rainbow fairies and magic wands that can help us to victory but I feel like this game needs something more...to be more of a challenge.

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## SUCCESS CRITERIA:

Can you get all of these things into your Review?

***We will go over these in a video!***

### **\*Introduction that hooks the reader**

- \*Does your introduction hook the reader with ACTION
- \*DIALOGUE or by TALKING DIRECTLY TO THE READER
- \*Introduce the game

### **\*Paragraphs**

- Is your review organised by paragraphs?
- \*Introduction
- \*Overview, Game play
- \*Conclusion

### **\*Overview of the game**

- Have you given an overview explaining?
- \*What the game is
- \*The game's objective
- \*Who could play this game?

### **\*Describe game play**

- Have you explained the game play?
- \*How you play (don't need to write out the rules – just the basics or main ideas)
- \*The equipment
- \*How you win

### **\*Give your opinion with reasons**

- Have you given your opinion about the game?
- \*What do you think of the whole game?
- \*What do you think of different features or equipment?
- \*What do you like/dislike about the game
- \*You could give the game a rating or score if you want

### **\*Concluding statement**

- Give a summary of the game and your thoughts
- \*Recap your likes/dislikes
- \*Recap some of the features
- \*You could introduce a last, new feature
- \*Finish with a statement giving your final opinion

*Dont forget to use your own writing style – make it funny, be descriptive, talk to the reader – get them involved, use interesting language...even try some kiwi slang!*

*We are looking forward to seeing your finished game reviews!!*



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### COLOUR CODED TO SHOW FEATURES IN THE CRITERIA

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New feature introduced!  
I had not mentioned the  
different cards until now...