

## Inviting your partner to Play

If you're keen to implement Fair Play but not sure how to get your partner on board without an argument, this guide is for you!

### POP QUIZ: Who's Your Partner?

You go away for the weekend. When you get home, you're greeted this way:

Option	Description
A	The house will be in reasonable order and the kids will be happy and fed when you walk in the door. Does your domestic landscape look exactly like you left it? Probably not, but count your blessings—you had an uninterrupted weekend away and your partner was happy to be in charge.
B	With the aid of your detailed instructions, the house is still standing. Plan to spend your first evening back delivering high praise to your spouse for "getting it right."
C	The house will be in moderate disarray: an unfinished craft project on the dining room table, a stack of unopened mail, and a heap of clean laundry on the bed—evidence that your partner had the best intentions but not the most successful follow-through. Expect to listen to a long list of reasons for why things fell through the cracks in your absence. "I'm so happy you're home," they will say honestly when you walk through the door.
D	The house will most definitely be a mess and the kids will be happily enjoying the "anything goes" vibe—until you walk in the door and ask when the kids last had a bath or a meal away from the TV. Depending on the length of time you were away, there may also be marker scrawled across the living room wall. Expect to hear, "Hey, lighten up."
E	The house will probably look better than when you left it, owing to the housekeeper or mother-in-law who stepped forward in your absence (and that you likely scheduled and paid ahead of time). Because your partner also had the weekend to kick up their feet, they will appear relaxed and may say, "We were fine. You should go away more often."

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_



## Who is your partner?

If you answered A, you're likely partnered with a More Than Most

If you answered B, you're likely partnered with a Where's The Butter?

If you answered C, you're likely partnered with a One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

If you answered D, you're likely partnered with a Giant Kid

If you answered E, you're likely partnered with a Traditionalist

### CAUTION: DO NO HARM!

Identifying your spouse or partner's Fair Play personality type is really for your knowledge only. Labeling your partner without providing them with full context will not help your relationship... but it will help you clarify your intention for engaging them in Fair Play.

Every invitation requires an RSVP, so be sure to set up a future date, place, and time where you will eventually sit down to discuss in more detail a new way to collaborate in the home.

Commit to your date to begin rebalancing the deck!

### INVITATION TO FAIR PLAY

Date:

Place:

Time:

*RSVP*



## How to invite your partner:

Your partner	Invitation considerations
Giant Kid	Invite them to play a “game” that will create more efficiency in the home without losing the fun. What’s in it for them, specifically? Less nagging and far more levity. You may suggest: “I’d like to explore a new way to work together that recaptures some of who we were before we had kids.”
Traditionalist	Rather than ask them to change, invite them to support you. Play up your need for Unicorn Space. You may suggest: “I’d like to explore a new way to rebalance our time that allows me to rediscover my passions beyond the home.” What’s in it for them, specifically? They’ll have a happier and more fulfilled partner at the helm.
Where’s the Butter?	Invite your competent partner to learn about a “new home management system” that will alleviate inefficiencies and make domestic life less crazy-making for both of you. What’s in it for them, specifically? A partner who empowers them to take the lead.
One Step Forward, Two Steps Back	Invite your go-getter partner to rebalance the domestic workload in a way that sets them up to succeed. What’s in it for them, specifically? By providing them with more context, they can easily do their part without being second-guessed for their contributions or criticized for their efforts.
More Than Most	Invite your willing partner to explore an even better way to collaborate for more efficiency at home. They won’t need much convincing to jump on board because you already communicate effectively, but it never hurts to play up the promise of more fun and free time together.

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