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SORTING & MATCHING

Did you know the first steps in problem solving is recognising similarities and differences (sorting) and grouping? When young children first start to group objects together the groups are usually very general. With more experience these groups are refined and become specific. Matching games are a great way to expand these skills.

Colour Scavenger Hunt

WHAT YOU NEED:

Sheets of different coloured paper

WHAT TO DO:

Take the coloured paper and place them on the floor near each other. If lots of children are playing secure the paper to the floor with a little bit of sticky tape.

Once the sheets are secure it's time to go on a scavenger hunt with the kids. Encourage them to collect items that match the coloured paper. Yellow items go on the yellow paper, blue items on the blue paper etc.



TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Why not head outside and go on a colour walk? Little ones will love going on a scavenger hunt to collect colourful items from nature! These more focused walks are an excellent way to encourage kids to explore nature and really study the things around them.

EXTENSION IDEA

Talk to your child about the colours as you match the items to the paper. Talk about things that are the same and items that are different.



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Sorting is one of the first skills that our kids can master. It may seem like an easy skill, but sorting is so much more. Sorting is the ability to identify similarities and differences among a set of objects and grouping them accordingly. When your child is engaging in these types activities, they are building fundamental skills that will benefit your child when it comes to schooling and learning in the classroom.

Sorting & Matching Benefits

MATH SKILLS

Sorting is a foundational maths skill that helps children notice similarities and differences, categorise, and develop early numeracy skills essential for understanding numbers.

MEMORY SKILLS

Learning to categorise and classify enhances memory skills, helping children understand that things can be alike or different and organised into groups. Typically, children can sort by colour before they can identify the names of the colours.

THINKING & PROBLEM SOLVING

Grouping objects by colour, size, or shape is a cognitive milestone that aids learning, thinking, and problem-solving, while sorting and matching enhance visual perception, memory, and attention skills.



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Across the ages

BABY



Matching games help your baby learn visual similarities and differences between objects.

TODDLER

Sorting and matching things helps develop visual perceptual skills, thinking and memory skills.



CHILD



Sorting objects or pictures into sets and subsets builds thinking and reasoning skills and early maths concepts.

PLAYGROUP

Talking together about their reasoning for sorting and matching decisions helps children learn from each other.

