

Matching

Matching is a simple form of sorting. It is finding items that are the same or alike, such as a pair of gloves. Matching can include finding items with the same specific characteristic (color, size or shape). For example, children can match two items that are the color blue.



Ideas to try

Match the Socks: Mix up pairs of different colored socks in a basket. Invite children to find pairs of socks that match and hang them up together on a clothesline.

Matching Game: Trace the outline of common objects onto a sheet of paper (e.g. lids, coins, blocks, keys, etc.). Have your children match the object to the corresponding outline on the paper. You could also take pictures from magazines of common items, such as a spoons and cups, and have children find the real object in the home to match the picture with the real item.

Bunny Tails: Create different colored bunny shapes and use pom-poms for bunny tails in corresponding colors. Children can match the bunny tail to the bunny shape of the same color.

Domino Match: Give children store-bought or homemade dominos. Have them find and match all the dominos with one dot. Then have them find and match dominos with two dots. Continue up to six dots if your children are able.

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