

I See Something That Is...

*I see something red,
and you can read
a story from it.*

Give two clues, one about color and one about the object's use, to help your child find an object.

Your child will notice more than one thing about a familiar article.



*You're looking
carefully...*



You found it!



Why this is important

Considering two features of an object requires your child to do a two-step evaluation to identify it. He must also listen to your directions in order to determine the important information. Weighing both parts of your description will help him come to a conclusion as he will do with many evaluations throughout his life.

What you do

- Invite your child to play a simple version of *I Spy* with you.
- Give two hints. The first hint should be about the color of the object and the second should be about the object's use. *I spy something blue. You drink from it.*
- Play the game by facing the general direction of the object. Ask your child to touch the object when he sees it.
- Respond positively to his accomplishment. *Yes, that cup is blue. You can drink from it. You listened very carefully!*
- Repeat the clues if your child chooses incorrectly and offer encouragement. *You're right. That is blue. Now can you find something blue that you can drink from?*
- If you need to, make the game easier by placing three items in front of your child and ask for one of the objects using the same two clues.

Another idea

Keep this game in mind when you are waiting in the doctor's office, visiting relatives, or any place your child needs extra attention. Be sure to choose objects your child can point to, touch, or bring to you.

Let's read together!

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