

Make a Match

Primary Objectives

13. Uses classification skills

Why It's Important

Simple matching games provide young children with the opportunity to practice matching similar objects.

Materials

A simple matching game

What You Do

1. Sit at a low table with the matching game. Show your child the game and invite her to join you.
2. Explain that there is a picture on each card and that her job is to find the ones that match.
3. As she picks up each card, describe the picture on it or ask her to describe it to you. *What do you see on that card? You found a blue duck.*
4. Encourage her to find the matching card. *Can you find the other blue duck?*
5. You can make the game more challenging by increasing the number of items to be matched.
6. Allow your child to play the matching game for as long as she is interested. Make the game available for your child to explore later as she chooses.