

# Matching Among Similar Pictures

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Let your child look for one matching pair among several pictures of the same kind of thing, for example, among several pictures of cars.

Your child will begin to notice which pictures are nearly alike and which are exactly alike.



## Why this is important

Challenging your child to observe and make careful choices from among a group of similar items encourages her to pay attention to details. This skill will help your child as she learns to quickly and accurately see the differences between letters of the alphabet, including letters with similar shapes such as *b* and *d*.

## What you do

- Cut out pictures of the same kinds of items in a catalog or magazine.
- Begin the game with four pictures on the table. The pictures should be similar, but with only two that are identical. For example, four pictures of coats, two of which are exactly the same.
- Invite your child to play with you: *Can you find the two coats that are the same?* When she succeeds, acknowledge her achievement: *You found the two red coats that match!*
- Ask your child to hide her eyes as you switch the positions of the pictures, remove the previously matching pair, and add a new matching pair to the group.
- Play the game with the first set of pictures several times before moving on to a new group of similar pictures.

## Another idea

Create a game that uses all the pictures. Spread every picture randomly on the table and invite your child to find each matching set.