

THE WORD HUNT GAME

Instruction Card

Aim: Foster playful engagement while developing language skills, vocabulary, concentration, maths and fine motor skills.

The tool consists of the following printable pages:



An A4 page with 15 word pictures themed "Natural Food"



An A4 page with 15 word pictures themed "On the Playground"



An A4 page with 15 word pictures themed "At the Shops"

To set the game up:

- Print one or more of the word picture pages in duplicate
- Laminate if desired
- Cut out the picture cards
- Provide pegs or paper clips to join matching pairs

To use the tool:

- Select 6 pictures from one theme and place them in a bowl
- Place the 6 matching pictures in different spots around the room, so that your child can look for them
- After finding a picture, your child looks for the matching picture in the bowl and joins the pair using a washing peg (or paper clip if preferred)
- Pack the joined pairs out on the table and count them after every addition

The beauty of this game is that a target word can be repeated many times without it feeling forced.

For example, "This boy is flying a kite! See how he is running with the kite to keep it up in the air? Can you find the other kite in the bowl? Good. We have a pair of kites. Let's add your kites to your collection."

For 4 year-olds, follow the instructions above, except place a complete set of 15 pictures into the bowl instead of only the 6 matching pictures that your child searches for. Your child will still search for 6 pictures, however it will take longer to find the matching cards, giving your child's concentration span a boost.

For 5 year-olds, choose 10 sets of identical pictures and number them from 1 to 10 on the back of each picture, making sure that each set displays the same number. Use 10 cards to create a number's line from 1 to 10 on a flat surface, with the pictures face down. Hide the other 10 pictures. When your child finds one, they name both the picture and the number before finding the corresponding number on the table and joining the pair with a paper clip.

NATURAL FOOD



APPLES



PEARS



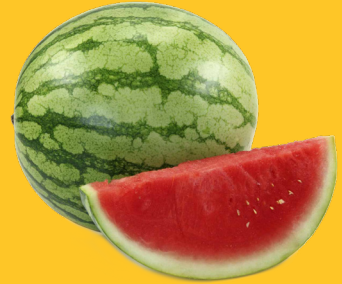
PEACHES



TOMATOES



CUCUMBER



WATERMELON



PAPAYAS



PINEAPPLE



CANTALOUPE MELON



ORANGES



STRAWBERRIES



ALMONDS



BLUEBERRIES



AVOCADOS



GRAPES

ON THE PLAYGROUND



KITE



JUNGLE GYM



ROPE LADDER



SEE-SAW



BASKETBALL HOOP



BIRD'S NEST SWING



CAROUSEL



SLIDE



SAND BOX



AMUSEMENT PARK CAROUSEL



SUSPENSION BRIDGE



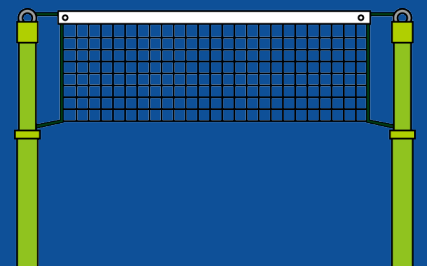
TRAMPOLONE



SWING



JUMPING CASTLE



VOLLEYBALL NET

AT THE SHOPS

