



Little Detective: Find Mom

Mom hides while your child follows clues to find her.

Helps Your Child Grow



Attending and Understanding

Following clues about where Mom is hiding helps your child connect location words with a real search and build early language understanding.

Steps

- Your child is becoming familiar with your home. Invite one parent to hide in a familiar place and see whether your child can find them.
- Tell your child, “Mom is going to hide!” Dad can gently cover your child’s eyes while Mom slips into another room and hides, perhaps inside the bedroom closet.
- Once your child can see again, they may look around or check behind Dad to see whether Mom is there.
- Dad can begin with a broad clue: “I think Mom is hiding in the bedroom.”
- Your child may hurry toward that room. If they go the wrong way, offer another location clue: “The bedroom is on the other side.”
- As they move closer, make the clue more specific: “Look near the closet!”
- Celebrate together when your little detective finds Mom.

Tips

- If your child wants another round, Mom can choose a new hiding place or Dad can take a turn hiding. Keep offering small location clues during each search.

Observations

- Changes direction after hearing that they entered the wrong room
- Hugs you excitedly after finding you