



Find the Park Favorite

Survey the park and find its most popular feature.

Helps Your Child Grow



Reasoning and Problem-Solving

Planning what to observe, counting what you find, and recording the result gives your child experience gathering information to answer a question.



Writing

Using symbols, pictures, or simple marks to record findings gives your child a meaningful reason to practice early writing.

Steps

- Become park investigators with paper, a pencil, and a timer and find out which play structure attracts the most children.
- Let your child choose three structures to study, such as the seesaw, climbing frame, and slide.
- Explain the method: watch each one for five minutes, count how many children use it, and record the total.
- Invite your child to choose a recording system, such as three columns for the structures and one small person symbol for each user.
- Observe each structure for the same five minutes and complete the record together.
- At the end, compare the results and let your child report what the investigation found.

Tips

- Besides asking your child to describe the results, discuss possible reasons: “Why do you think so many people choose this one?”
- If gender is relevant to the survey, your child can use different colors for figures representing boys and girls.
- Invite your child to record more context, such as the time, temperature, or weather. Each added detail creates another purposeful opportunity to write.

Observations

- Conducts a survey and records observations to find the park favorite
- Draws small figures to record how many people choose each feature