



# Your Turn to Find the Birds

Search high and low for animals and learn position words through action.

## Helps Your Child Grow



### Vocabulary

Connecting position words with the result of each search helps your child gradually understand what those words mean.



### Gross Motor

Reaching up, bending down, and moving around familiar furniture gives your child practice using large muscles to explore their surroundings.

## Steps

- Choose a familiar place at home, such as the couch. Before the game, hide a favorite toy animal on top of it or underneath it, out of your child's sight.
- Tell your child that the animal cannot find its home and needs to be found and returned to the toy bin.
- Offer a clue using the object name and a position word, plus a simple pointing gesture: "One animal is on the couch." Let your child climb up or bend down to search and learn the word through action.
- If your child searches in the wrong direction, look together for a moment before clarifying: "You're looking under the couch. The animal is on top." Invite them to try the other place.
- If your child enjoys the game, hide animals in new places, such as on the bed or under the table, so the same words appear in different settings.

## Tips

- Keep clues focused on the object and the position word - such as "couch + on/under" - instead of adding color or animal details that may distract from the target word.
- Work the game into everyday pretend play. Hide a character on the couch and ask, "We're missing someone. Could they be on the couch?"

## Observations

- ☐ Searches in the matching direction after hearing "on top" or "under."
- ☐ Climbs or bends down to explore space