Better Parenting

Picture-Card Scavenger Hunt

Match picture cards with the objects they show.

Helps Your Child Grow



Emergent Literacy

Looking at a picture card, hearing its name, and finding the matching object helps your baby connect an image with something in the real world.

Steps

- Gather two or three objects your baby knows, along with matching picture cards - for example, a bottle and a spoon. Hold up one card beside its object and say with a smile, “Look - a bottle!”
- After showing all the pairs once, hold up one card, name it, and ask, “Where’s the bottle?” Encourage your baby to look toward or point to the matching object.
- When your baby finds it, place the card beside the object and respond warmly: “Yes, that’s the bottle. You drink milk from it.”
- If your baby chooses something else, name that object first: “That’s the spoon. We’re looking for the bottle.” Then show the bottle and its card together again.
- Choose another picture card and keep matching the cards to the objects together.

Tips

- Begin with objects your baby sees and uses often. Familiar items make the matching game easier to join.
- You can also keep a picture card near its matching object. During the day, point to the picture and the object and say the name together.

Observations

- ○ Looks at the matching picture after hearing a familiar name
- ○ Looks at you happily after finding the item