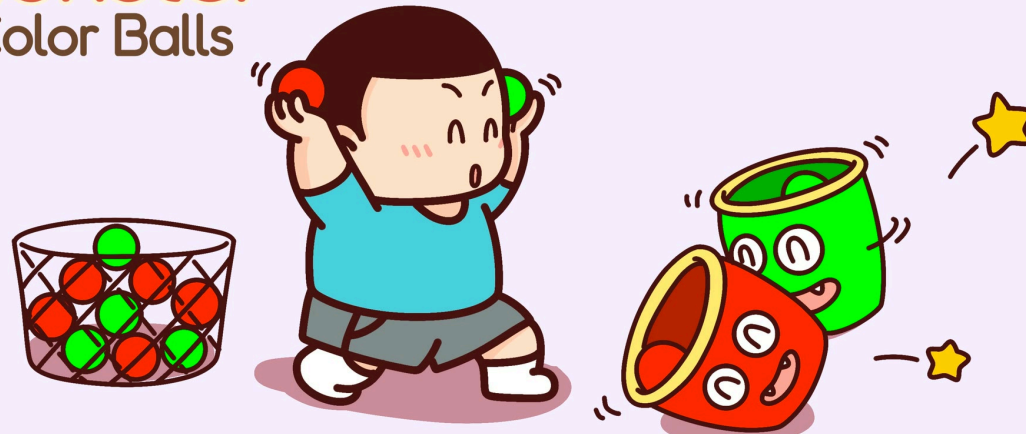




Feed the Monster Color Balls



Feed the Color Monsters

Turn two baskets into hungry color monsters. Your child can catch or collect each ball, match its color, and feed it to the right monster.

Helps Your Child Grow



Emergent Mathematical Thinking

Matching each ball with a basket of the same color gives your child practice noticing a shared feature and sorting by it.

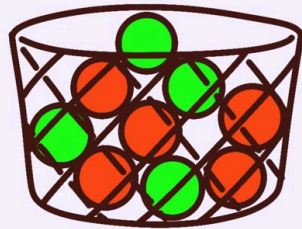


Fine Motor

Watching, catching, and collecting moving balls gives your child practice coordinating what they see with whole-body and hand movements.



What You'll Need



Balls in Two Colors



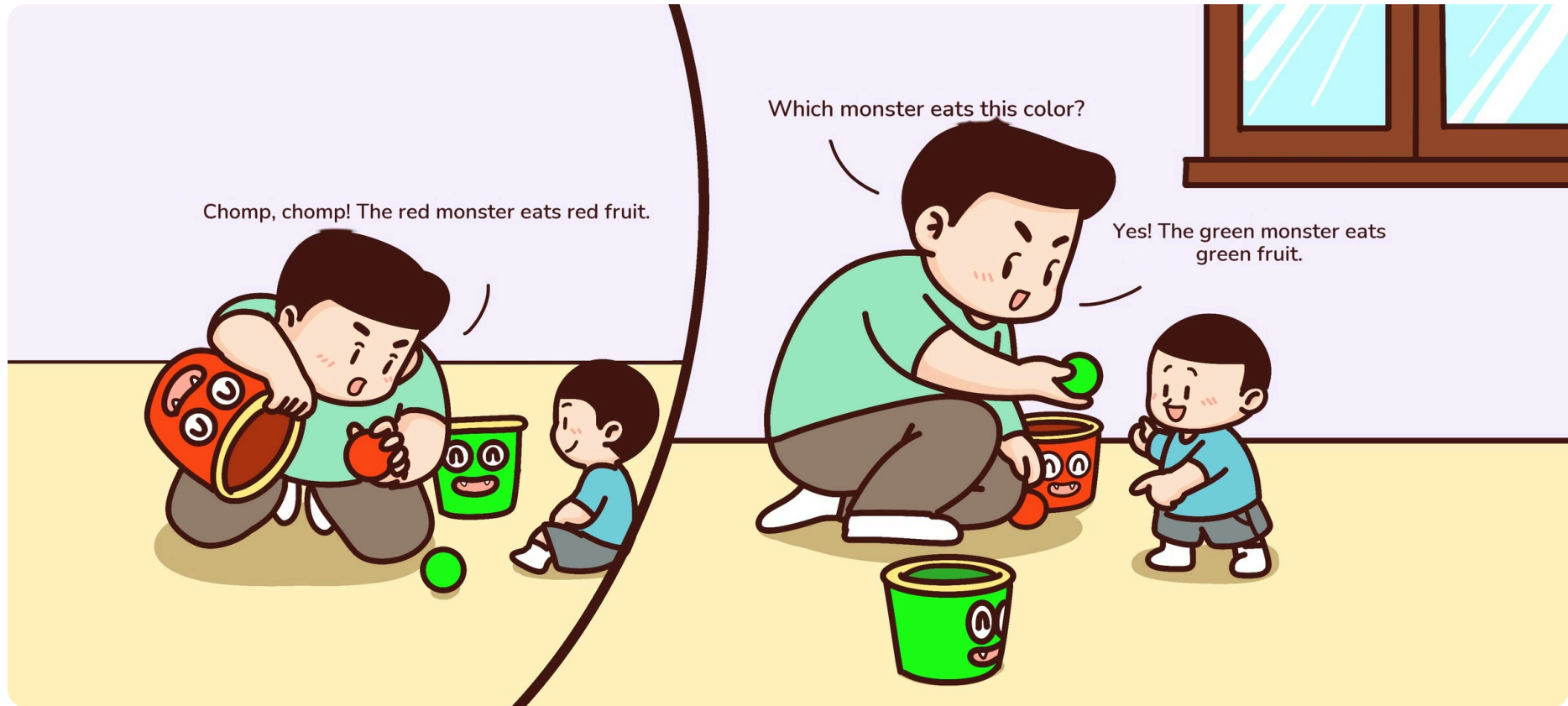
Small Baskets Matching the Ball Colors



Cardstock Eyes and Mouth

What You'll Need

1. Several balls in two colors
2. two baskets matching those colors, decorated as monsters with cardstock eyes and mouths



Show What Each Monster Eats

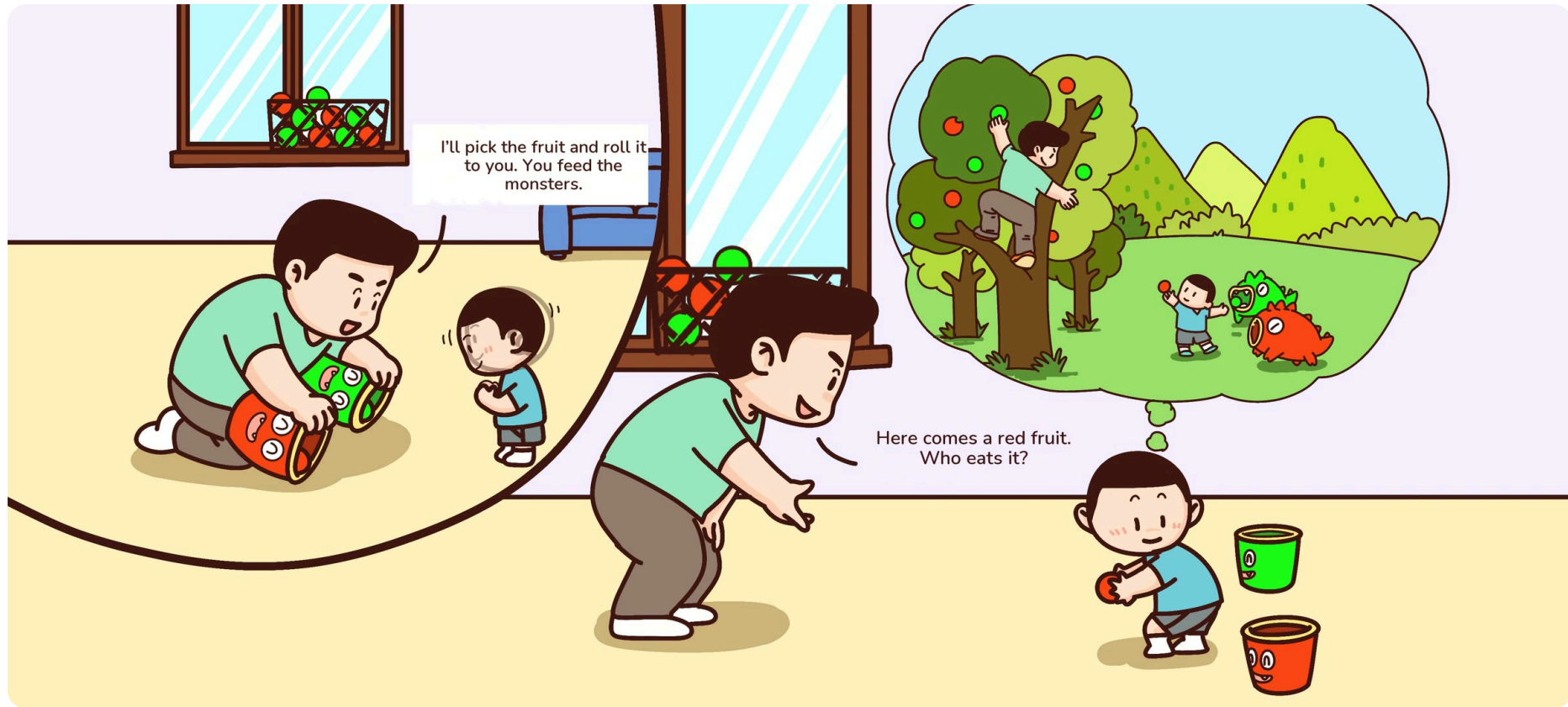
Hold one ball of each color. Place the first ball in the basket with the same color and explain, "This monster only eats fruit that matches its color." Hold up the second ball and ask where it belongs. Once the matching rule is clear, begin the game.

Observations

- Points to the basket that matches the ball's color
- Acts on a simple direction in the game

Tips

- Use a familiar character or story instead of monsters if that theme is more inviting for your child.
- If the match is not clear yet, place several balls beside their same-colored baskets and compare them together.



Roll and Feed

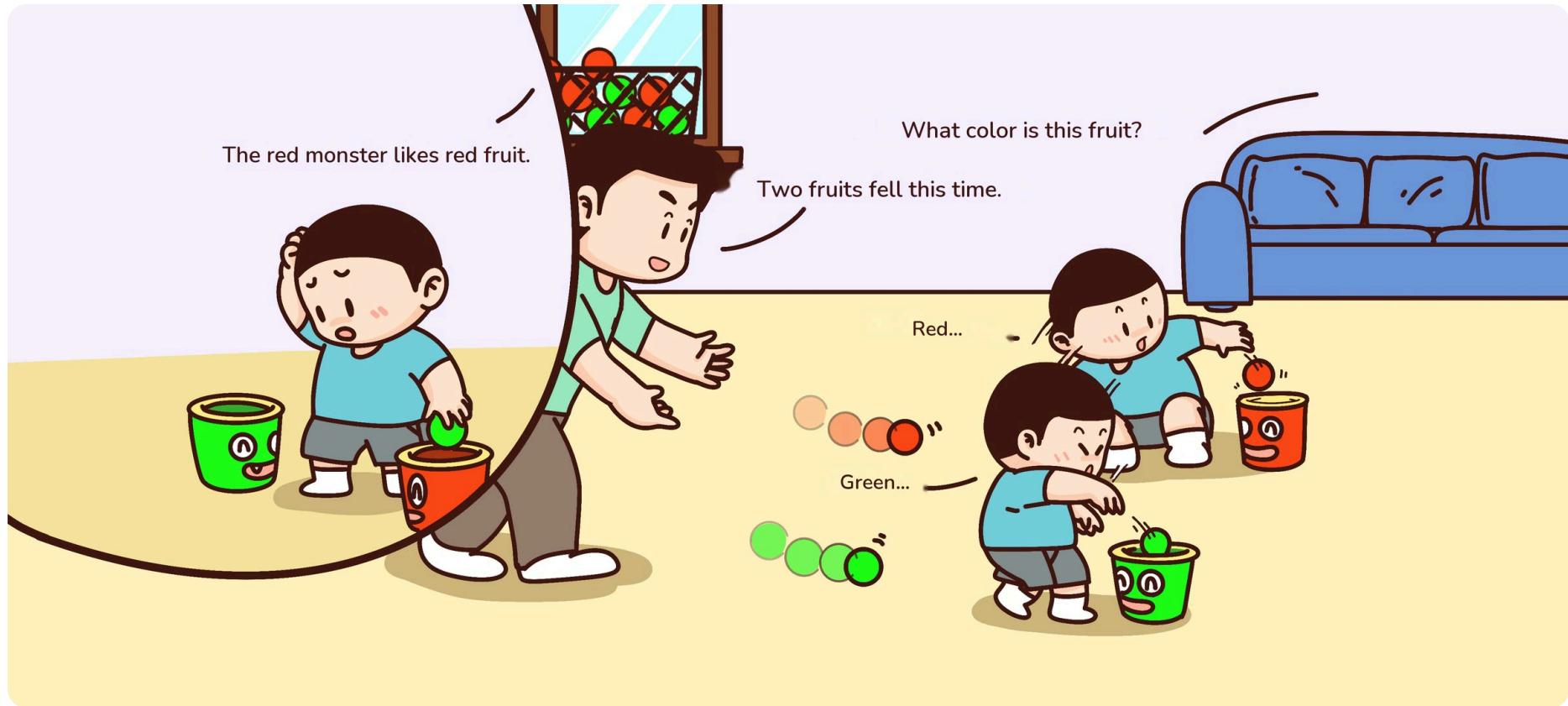
Place both monster baskets near your child's feet. Tell them that you will roll a ball and they can pick it up and feed the matching monster. Roll the balls slowly, one at a time, and clearly name each color.

Observations

- Uses pretend words or actions while caring for the monsters
- Stops and picks up a ball rolling along the floor

Tips

- When a ball reaches the right basket, speak as the monster: "Thank you for my red fruit!"
- Repeat the color word clearly across several turns so your child can connect the word with the color.



The Monsters Are Full

If a ball goes into the other basket, gently compare the colors and invite another try. Once your child is comfortable, roll a little faster or send two different-colored balls. At the end, invite them to name each color.

Observations

- Quickly places a ball in the basket with the matching color
- Names a ball's color with your prompt

Tips

- You can also toss a ball gently instead of rolling it. If it goes wide, chasing it adds another movement challenge.