



Where Are My Friends?

Sing, count, and look around to find each friend.

Helps Your Child Grow



Relationships with Other Children

Hearing a playmate's name during a playful search helps your child notice, recognize, and remember a familiar peer.

Steps

- At a playdate in the park, invite another caregiver and child - for example, Maya - to play hide-and-seek with you.
- Ask Maya and their caregiver to hide behind a tree or cover their faces with their hands. They can stay partly visible.
- Hold your child's hand and sing while you search: "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven - Maya, Maya, where are you?"
- Add a looking gesture, such as pretending to scan the distance, or call Maya's name together so your child can join in.
- The hiding pair can peek out, wave, and answer, "Here we are! Maya, Maya, here we are!"
- After the search, clap together or share a snack. Repeating a playmate's name in a warm interaction helps your child become familiar with them.

Tips

- Switch who hides so each child gets a turn being found and called by name. If your child feels shy, let them search beside you at first. They may relax after a few rounds.

Observations

- Turns to look for Maya when they hear Maya's name
- Begins looking for a friend when the song asks, "Where is your friend?"