

I Spy

Primary Objectives

8a. Comprehends language

Why It's Important

Playing guessing games with your child about everyday objects in her life will help her develop listening and conversational skills.

Materials

Objects around your home or outside that have defining characteristics (such as a color, shape, or texture)

What You Do

1. Explain to your child that you are going to play a guessing game called “I Spy.” Tell her to listen carefully to the clues you give.
2. Choose an object to describe. Begin with a very general and concrete clue, like color or size. *I spy... something yellow.* Encourage her to look for and point out yellow things as she makes guesses about the object you have chosen.
3. Give her a second clue to help narrow the choices. *The yellow thing that I spy is good to eat.*
4. Follow your child’s lead and give clues until she correctly identifies the chosen object, either by saying its name or pointing to it.
5. Continue the game by offering your child a chance to lead and give you clues. Encourage her to play the game with another family member or friend.