



Taking Turns

Games to play together...



This is a memory game. Put around 4 items in a box. Name them together. Remove one item without your child seeing and put the lid on the box. Ask them to look inside. What is missing? Swap over, can you identify what is missing?

Make it harder? Add more items

Make it easier? Show your child a photo or a second identical item and ask them to find the matching item from the box.

You can simply cover the items with a blanket if you don't have a box.



Take it in turns to use a steady hand to remove the straws, without letting the pom-poms drop! Make this using straws, pom poms and a cutlery drainer. You could also make it by poking holes in an empty kitchen role tube, or using a steamer or basket with holes.



Make it harder? Put the pom poms at the bottom and take turns to collect them with the tweezers.



What's in the Box?

Kerplunk!



Create simple shapes on the floor using masking tape, drawing on large pieces of paper, cutting out recycled paper or using chalk outside.

Take turns to roll a ball or throw a bean bag at the shapes. Which shape did it land on?

Make it harder? Give the different shapes a different score, keep track and add up the total at the end.



You can make your own game of pairs if you don't have a set of cards. Take it in turns to turn over 2 cards to see if they match.

Make it harder? Use more cards or make the game more abstract (e.g. matching lower and upper case letters: e - E; matching initial letter to picture: e - elephant; matching number of dots to the numeral)

Make it easier? Use less cards or make more than one of each pair and use a simple concept, such as colour.

Which Shape?

Pairs