

GIRAFFE MATCHING GAME

LANGUAGE

USING ACOUSTIC HIGHLIGHTING TO EMPHASIZE
SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES



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CAN YOU REMEMBER WHERE THE GIRAFFE IS?

THINK ABOUT . . .

Matching items together that are the same or similar, is an important skill for your child to learn. This helps him or her develop a foundation for more complex category recognition. This activity will help strengthen your child's ability to place items into categories by similarity, as well as strengthening their memory skills. Use the LSL strategy of acoustic highlighting to point out the similarities and differences between the giraffes.



ACTIVITY

- 1- Place the giraffe cards on the table, facing up, for your child to see.
- 2- Explain to him or her that you will take turns trying to find a pair of the same giraffes.
- 3- Mix up the giraffes and then flip them over so the pictures are facing down.
- 4- Let your child select 2 cards. Use acoustic highlighting to describe the giraffes your child selected. "This giraffe has *pink wings* and a *crown*. The other giraffe has a *red hat* and *blue tool box*. Are they the same or different?"
- 5- If the 2 giraffes selected are not the same, flip both cards back over so they are facing down.
- 6- Take turns selecting cards 2 at a time. Use self-talk to describe the giraffes that you selected. "I selected a giraffe holding *paint* and the other giraffe is also holding *paint*! They are the *same*!"
- 7- If you select 2 cards that have the same giraffe, take them out of the pile.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Giraffe Matching PDF
- Scissors

PREPARATION:

- 1- Print out the Giraffe Matching PDF
- 2- Cut out each giraffe

VOCABULARY:

- Similar
- Same
- Look
- Find
- Different
- Giraffe
- Match
- Pair

HELPFUL TIPS:

- You can also play the game, "Go Fish" with these cards. Hand out 3-4 cards to each player and put the rest of the cards in one pile. Take turns asking each other if they have the card you need. "Do you have a giraffe with pink wings and a crown"? If they do not have the giraffe, say "Go fish" and select another card from the pile. If they do have the card, put the matching pair next to you and the person who ends up with the most matching pairs is the winner!
- Laminate the giraffe cards for durability!

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