

Treasure Hunt

These activities are designed for developing children's listening and attention skills. When they get good at finding one object each time you can extend them to find 2 or even 3 at a time.

Activity 1: RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

Ask your little one to run around the house collecting a coloured object as below:

- ☐ Find something red
- ☐ Find something yellow
- ☐ Find something orange
- ☐ Find something green
- ☐ Find something blue
- ☐ Find something purple



You can extend this activity by developing their mathematical knowledge I.e.,

Can you find one red objects?

Can you find 4 Yellow objects?

When they have collected all the objects you could get the children to sort the objects by their colour or make a pattern with them.

Activity 2: Muddled washing



Embedding learning into a child's long term memory is so important to help them make connections to learning later on in life. Developing their working memory when they are young is a fundamental skill.

You can do this activity on your washing line or make a temporary washing line indoors.

Health and safety: please ensure you are watching your child at all times whilst using a line. If you have put one up in your home that you take it down as soon as you have finished the activity.

Choose 6 pieces of clothing to peg onto the line. Encourage your little one to help you peg the clothes as this is great for their fine motor development. It develops and strengthens their small muscles in their fingers.

Next say each item of clothing aloud on the line with your little one. Now ask them to go and find a matching item of clothing and peg next to it.

You can talk about sizes of items ie, you can compare the large t-shirt that you put on the line to the small t-shirt they went and found.

An alternative idea:

With your little one say each item of clothing aloud that is on the line. Next encourage them to look away or close their eyes.

You now switch 2 of the pieces of clothing around.

Can they work out what you have changed?



You can play it in reverse and get them to do it to you too!



Activity 3: A senses scavenger hunt

The outside world shapes children's development through experiences that they have, which include using their five senses—hearing, sight, smell, taste, and touch. Drawing a child's attention to the five senses and discussing them increases understanding of and communication about the world around us. Explain your child how the five senses help us figure out what's going on around us and help us decide whether to enjoy or not enjoy an experience:

our eyes help us see, our ears let us hear, our hands help us feel, our noses let us smell, and our tongues help us taste things.

Have your little one think about times when his/her senses helped shape an experience. How did the senses help? Was it the things you saw? The things you heard? The smell? The way you felt? Something that tasted good?

Now put their knowledge to practice. Encourage your child to look around their home environment to find the following:

- Find something that makes a crunch sound
- Find something loud
- Find something quiet
- Find something soft
- Find something rough
- Find something smooth
- Find something that tastes sour
- Find something that smells bad

