

# Memory Game (2-3 Years)

## You will need: (examples)

- A collection of 5-10 objects, this could include some toys or household objects.
- Vary the number of objects depending on the age of your child.

## The Activity:

- Place the items on a tray or board. Talk to your child, asking them to name the items or telling them the name of unfamiliar items. Ask your child to look at the items for about 30 seconds and remember what is there.
- Now move the tray out of sight, or cover it with a cloth and see how many items your child can remember.

## Extending the activity:

- Take the tray away, or cover it up and remove one or two objects. Replace it and ask your child which are missing.
- Give the children strategies on how to remember the objects, such as memorizing their position relative to other objects, "the block is next to the car".



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## Keeping Everyone Safe

If using household objects, encourage the children to count the objects before putting them away to ensure they are not left in the reach of younger children



Words to introduce during the activity to support language development

Remember	Near
Memory	Missing
Concentrate	Pair
Next to	Double

### TOP TIP:

Vary the objects according to the abilities of your child. Older children might be given some smaller objects; younger children will remember better if they are given larger, brighter objects.



### How this supports your child's learning:

This fun game helps to develop children's concentration and memory, both great skills for all kinds of learning. Focusing on visual memory, children are asked to store, retain and retrieve information after the initial visual stimulus has been taken away. Developing visual memory helps children remember visual images like shapes, letters and numbers.

Alternatively you can cut out lily pads from paper and draw different flowers on them, your child then has to match up the flowers...

