

Things that go together

Many of the children have this as an ICP target so it's important that they learn to name objects and make connections between them and also begin to be able to say why they go together.



Here are some examples of things that go together. These are off Google images so are easy to find if you want to print some off or have them on an i pad.

It is important that your child is able to name the objects and then for example say :-

“You need an umbrella to keep dry when it’s raining.” Or “It’s an apple. Apples grow on a tree.”

This sort of activities help the child to be able to think objectively, observe, name things, connect information, reason and store facts effectively in their memory.

Some activities to try :-

- In your kitchen ask the child to make a set eg. knife and fork, bowl and spoon, cup and saucer, butter and knife, jam and bread, juice and a glass, tea bag and tea pot etc.
- Use the cards I have enclosed to play Pick a Pair that go together and say why- model a good answer to your child – Set A and Set B go together. There are 5 sets. Cut them up and ask the child to make pairs that connect – you model by saying eg. “Yes – a baby needs a nappy so they go together”. Then gradually let the child give the reason themselves.
- Make sets that are wrong and ask the child to sort them out with the cards
- Make a set of cards by getting the child to draw and colour simple easy to match pictures
- Draw something simple eg. a wheel, a fish, a bird, a car, a rainbow, a house, a map, a shoe and ask the child to draw what goes with it
- Use toys – bat and a ball, fire engine and fire man, doll and pram, lego man and lego car etc.
- Use picture books and name things that go together eg. a bird and a nest or a dog and a bone, a bed to sleep in or a train and a track
- Odd one out worksheets on Google – what has no connection
- Play word association games – you say banana the child says monkey, you say shark the child says teeth, you say balloon the child says party etc.
- Ask your child questions eg. show them a picture and ask “What could go with this ?”
- Outside ask the child to look for things that go together eg. flowers and a plant pot, tree and leaves, ball and goal, bike and helmet, chimney and smoke, rain and puddles etc.
- As you do things every day ask related questions eg. If your child is in the bath ask what goes with bath – water/shampoo/toys/towel. If your child is eating ask what goes with pizza – chips/cheese/mushrooms. If they are playing football ask what goes with football – boots, kit, goal, team, trophy etc.

