

Either around the house or outside in the garden, hide individual letters written on separate sheets of paper of your child's name and go on a letter hunt. Once your child has found all of the letters of their name see if they can order them correctly. Extend this activity by introducing the surname. Or simplify the activity by hiding the first two to three letters of their first name.

Draw a self-portrait using a mirror. Ask your child to look in the mirror and draw what they see. To extend the activity talk about skin tone, eye colour, ears and hair colour as well as recognisable features such as glasses. To extend the activity, move the mirror to their body to draw arms hands etc. To simplify the activity encourage your child to draw a recognisable face

Using your child's toys encourage them to make up a story using their toys. Extend the activity by paying attention to detail using imagination such as are the toys on a beach or in a supermarket. To simplify encourage the child to imagine their toys have voices and are speaking to each other.

Match numeral to quantity. By writing numbers on separate sheets of paper encourage your child to place the correct amount of objects onto the paper to match the numeral. To simplify use numbers 0-5. To extend use numbers 0-20.

Shape hunt. Looking for 2d or 3d shapes around the house or in the garden encourage your child to look for shapes such as a triangle, square, rectangle and circle. Extend the activity by introducing a 3d shape hunt such as looking for cubes, cuboids, spheres, pyramids and cones. Ask your child which shapes they found the most and which shapes they found the least. You could even talk about which shapes you couldn't find at all. Simplify this by showing your child which shapes are circles, which shapes are square etc.

Rhyming words. Encourage your child to look for objects around the house which rhyme. Such as peg and leg, chair and hair, sink and drink. Simplify by letting the child make up words which rhyme such as apple and papple. The words don't have to be real it's the rhyming concept they need to understand. Extend the activity by asking your child to try and think of words which rhyme with their name.



