

Activity: Matching Materials Game

Kit needed: bag or bucket for collecting, natural materials

Group/ family size: 2+

Age Group: 2+

Location: Garden or local green space

Learning about natural materials, different textures, observation skills and memory



Instructions:

Adults go out into a local green space or garden and collect a mix of natural materials i.e. pinecones, different sized stones, feathers, leaves etc, then show them to your child, take time to describe each object to them.

Once you have shown your objects to your child/ren ask them to go and collect the same type of objects and see how many they can find and how closely they resemble yours. Try not to intervene too much or remind them what they are looking for, let them find the objects without you.

Ask the child/ren questions about the shape size and texture of each item and encourage them to tell you how each object feels in their hands.

You can then swap over and your child/ren can collect some natural materials that you have to go and find

Additional comments:

When you are looking for materials please avoid private property/ land unless you have the landowner's permission.

Watch out for stinging insects, brambles and nettles, be careful not to disturb wildlife or destroy habitats.