**Market Shopping**

Increase vocabulary and organize letters to create and write words. Develop and encourage creation of personal memory skills.

 15 min  2 participants

  

**Let’s play**

Player 1

1. Pick a letter
2. Place it at or near the top left corner of the shared baseplate
3. Think of a word of something to buy at the market starting with this letter. Find the letters you need and complete the rest of the word.
4. Say the whole sentence “I went to the market and bought …(say your word)”

Player 2

1. Repeat actions 1 thru 3
2. Say the whole sentence “I went to the market and bought …(repeat market items previously named and add your new purchase)”

**How to prepare**

* 2 base plates
* All the letter bricks

Prepare one of the base plates alphabetically for ease in writing words.

**Facilitation tips**

* Suggest “How can you remember all the words without reading them?”
* Propose “Tell a story using all the new words”
* Encourage collaborative help between players.

**Possible variations**

* Propose a specific topic for new words (fruits, school items, kitchen objects)
* All words must start with the same letter
* Don’t complete the words on the base plate

**Children will develop these holistic skills**

* COGNITIVE: Participate in the writing of certain words
* CREATIVE: Write as a leisure activity
* EMOTIONAL: Develop vocabulary and understanding in reading
* SOCIAL: Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
* PHYSICAL: Improve listening comprehension skills: Understand vocabulary

**Did you know**

* Despite literacy being serious business, it can be learned in playful ways.
* When concepts are new or very complex to young children, high-quality instruction is especially important for their learning.