Fish Memory Game

15 Minutes

Fish

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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish! Practice letter recognition with this fun letter matching game. Then, take it to the next level with sight words once your kid has aced letters and numbers!
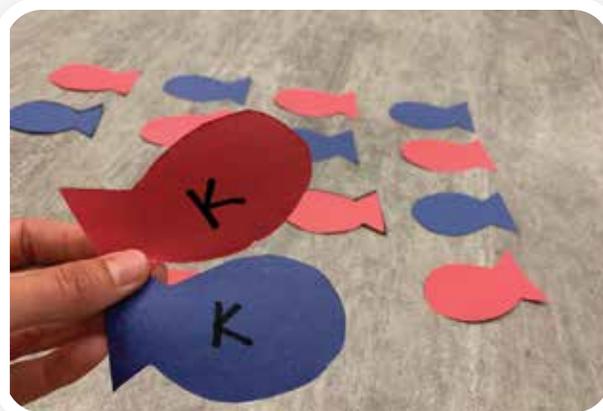
Learning Outcomes

Domain:
Language

Indicator:
Beginning to identify letters

Skills:
Letter recognition

Materials

• Red and blue construction paper
• Marker
• Scissors

Instructions

Step 1: Fold your sheets of construction paper several times to make squares that are about 4" x 4".

Step 2: While the paper is folded, draw the outline of a fish on the top square using a marker.

Step 3: With the paper still folded, cut out the shape of the fish through all of the folds of the paper. Repeat this with the blue paper. You should have about 20 squares in total.

Step 4: Write out a letter on one red fish and the matching letter on a blue fish. Continue this process until all the fish have been filled out.

Step 4: Place the fish in equal rows with letters facing down on the playing surface. Players take turns turning over two fish (one red and one blue) to see if they have a match. If they get a match, they keep the pair. If a pair is not matched, the fish are turned back over. Play then passes to the next person. The game is over when all matches are made, and the winner is the player with the most fish.

Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Working on upper and lowercase letters? Write the uppercase letter on the red fish and the matching lowercase letter on the blue fish and have them find the matching fish when playing the memory game!

For younger toddlers: For younger kids try laying all the fish out face up and have the child match them this way. Once they're comfortable, flip them over to add another challenge!

Playful Questions

• How fast can you match all the fish on your own?
• Can you create a pattern using the red and blue fish?
• What words start with (letter)?
• How many fish are on the table?
• Where do fish live?

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