



Thinking Abilities and General Knowledge Activity for 36 to 42 Months

Lotto Games

This is a fun way for children to practice the concept of matching.

Materials:

- 2 copies of the same issue of a magazine
- Scissors
- Glue
- Heavy-duty cardboard cut into large and small cards

What to do:

1. Cut the same pictures out of each magazine.
2. Glue one of each onto a large card, and one onto a small card. Large cards can have four to six pictures on them.
3. Cover all the cards with clear contact paper for durability.

Suggestions for different types of Lotto:

- **Category Matching** — Put different categories of pictures on each large card. For example, mammals on one, birds on another, fish on a third, and reptiles on a fourth. This helps a child form mental categories as he is matching cards. (Other possible categories: tools, toys, cars, trucks, airplanes, boats, flowers, food, and trees.)
- **Go Together** — The child must match up pictures on the large card and small cards that are not the same but go together, such as a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap and a washcloth, car and car keys.
- **Environments** — The large card will have a picture of a room or scene. Small cards will be small details cut from those scenes. The child will look at a picture of a toaster, for instance, and decide if it is more likely to go in the kitchen card than in the forest card or bedroom card.

