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"Making a difference in the life of a child"



### What you need:

A variety of familiar items found around the house or outside

### Playing the Game:



### Learning Connections:

This activity provides opportunities to

- develop an awareness of surroundings.
- identify similarities and differences in environments.
- develop the ability to take turns.
- use language to communicate thinking.
- develop an awareness that words can rhyme and begin or end with the same sound.

## Simon Says



1. Think of an item.
2. Say: "Simon says..." followed by an action and a characteristic of the item.
3. Some examples include:
  - "Simon says touch something that begins with the sound that the letter S makes"
  - "Simon says point to something that rhymes with hot"
  - "Simon says put your nose on something that starts with the same sound as your name"
4. If you leave off the "Simon says" and your child does the action, it is time for you to take a turn.
5. This game can also be played while reading a book. For example: "Simon says find a word that starts with the letter 'b', or the sound 'b' makes, or that starts with the same sound as 'baby'".

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