

MONSTER HUNT GAME

CAN YOU FIND THE MONSTER?

THINK ABOUT . . .

Play is a great way to introduce spatial concepts in a fun and natural way. This activity will introduce your child to basic prepositions in a way that's unique and engaging. As you play together, incorporating listening and spoken language strategies, your child will be learning without even knowing it.



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Monsters (provided below)
- Flashlights
- Scissors

ACTIVITY

- 1- Cut out the monsters using the pdf below.
- 2- Place pieces of tape on the back of each monster picture
- 3- When your child is not in the room, hide the monsters throughout the room. Make sure to hide each monster in relation to an object in the room. For example, above the light switch, under a chair, in a basket.
- 4- Turn off all of the lights in the room. If appropriate, do this activity during the day so that the room isn't too dark as to be scary for your child.
- 5- Give your child a flashlight and explain your room has been taken over by monsters and you need help to find them. Each time you find a monster, before you can move it from its spot, your child must describe the location of the monster's hiding spot. You are looking for phrases that include prepositions, such as "The monster is hiding under the blanket." "This monster is behind the chair."
- 6- If your child gives you a sentence with an incorrect preposition, provide them a model with the correct prepositions, such as "No, the monster is above the lamp, or the monster is below the lamp.
- 7- Repeat this until you have found all of the monsters.

PREPARATION:

- 1- Print out the monster images
- 2- Cut out each monster

VOCABULARY:

- In
- On
- Under
- Above
- Behind
- Below
- In front
- Next to
- Beside
- Between

HELPFUL TIPS:

- You can adjust the difficulty of this game based on your child's individual needs. If your child is just beginning to learn prepositions, you can start by using simple prepositions (in, on, under). Once your child begins understanding simple prepositions, you can start incorporating more complex prepositions into your game.
- This may be done with other things beside monsters. You may use pictures of things that your child is interested in such as sharks, movie characters, Minecraft characters, - or other toys or objects.

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