

## LANGUAGE

### USING MATCHING GAMES TO TEACH LANGUAGE SKILLS

**THINK ABOUT . . .** Memory matching games involve strategy and help children to develop their problem-solving skills, memory power, analytical thinking skills, communication skills, general knowledge, concentration level, social skills, and patience.



#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- printer
- White Cardstock paper
- Laminator
- Printed Pete the Cat Shoes

#### ACTIVITY

- 1- Print and cut out the shoes from the pdf provided below.
- 2- Lay the shoes color side down on the floor.
- 3- Each child turns over two different shoes, trying to match the shoe color. A match is made when two shoes of the same color are turned over.
- 4- If a child turns over two different colored shoes, they do not make a match. Those shoes are turned back over in their exact place.
- 5- All children are to make a "memory" as to where those colored shoes are so that on future turns, they can make a correct match.
- 6- When a child makes a match during their turn, they get to go again.
- 7- Once all the shoes are matched, the child with the most matches of shoes wins the game.

#### PREPARATION:

- 1- Print the shoes on white cardstock.
- 2- Cut out each shoe -makes ten matching pairs.
- 3- Laminate them for durability.

#### LSL STRATEGIES:

- Turn taking
- Wait Time
- Acoustic Highlighting
- Acoustic Lowlighting
- Expectant Look
- Expansion
- Auditory Sandwich

#### HELPFUL TIPS:

- It can be used to help learn colors, numbers and counting.
- There are many different types of memory games available for purchase at local stores.
- Some other types of memory games picture bingo, I went shopping and I bought..., the magic cup game

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