

2-3 Reading, Writing and Stories

Activity Instructions - I Spy

I Spy is a classic game that is also pretty adaptable. In this version, you can support your child to recognise letters from their name and numbers that might be familiar to them. This is a great, playful way of encouraging recognition of print and the best news is you don't even need to have a dedicated playtime to use it!

What 'I Can' milestones does this support?



I can point
to objects and pictures
I find interesting when listening
to or looking at a book.



I can notice
some print, such as the first
letter of my name, a bus or
door number, or a familiar logo.



You Will Need:

- I Spy printout (included)

How to Play

1. Simply print the pages, laminating them if you like, and stick them on the wall for a go-to game. This is great for encouraging your child to initiate play and can also act as a reminder to you for a quick game you can play!
2. Let your child explore the I Spy printout - they might ask, 'What's that?' as well as recognise some numbers and letters. This is fine! We are not expecting them to recognise and remember all letters and numbers at this age.

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- Lay the I Spy printout flat. Challenge your child to put a pom-pom, button or even piece of dried pasta on the first letter of their name each time they see it. Of course, as your child is ready, you can extend this to finding all the letters in their name.
- Play a similar activity to the above with number recognition.
- Talk about where you see letters and numbers in your environment - on clocks around the house, on wheelie bins, on signs, on the road... there are a lot of potential places!
- Use the I Spy printout in a large, flat tray or container, covering it with sand, flour or dried rice. Then, support your child to use brushes or scoops to reveal what is underneath.
- As your child gets more confident with their letters and numbers (including if this is when they are three or older), see if they can match magnetic or foam letters and numbers to the I Spy printout.
- Cut out letters and numbers that your child is getting confident with and play a large-scale game of I Spy Splat, where they need to jump to the letter or number you call out.



