

Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home – Number 28

Training to be a spy!

Kim's Game



This is a game that can be played anywhere and with any age group .It originated from a 1901 novel 'Kim', where the hero Kim, plays the game during his training as a spy!

What do I need?

Simple objects and a cover such as a light blanket or cloth.

What will your child learn from this play?

Developing your child's memory skills and concentration

Extending vocabulary

What do we do?

- Begin with two objects and then add more depending how it goes.
- Put objects on a table/tray
- Child has time to look and remember
- Cover objects and ask child to close their eyes
- You take one object away
- Say 'Open your eyes, what's missing?'
- Child has to say what object is missing

How can you take it further?

By taking away more than one object at a time

By having number of objects on a tray, child has 30 seconds to look, then hide objects with a cover and child must then remember what objects were on the tray

*Play & talk together
Be careful with too many questions*

*Pause and wait for your child to respond
Copy what they say and add to it*