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Easter Activity Sheet

Treasure Hunt

Make this traditional treasure hunt into a language rich activity

You will need:

A digital camera, 5 small Easter eggs, A little prize to find at the end

2-3 Years: When your little one is fast asleep - lay out the treasure hunt. Take a photo of each Easter egg 'in situ', e.g. on the sofa, or by the wash basin. Choose familiar places but use this opportunity to develop vocabulary, so try to opt for words that he doesn't yet use. Print your photos.





Next morning, tell your little one the Easter Bunny has left him a special picture and give him the first photograph. Wait a moment to see what he notices – he may tell you what he can see in the photo, or he may not be sure what to do as this is a new game! If necessary, gently help him along by pointing to the Easter egg and encourage "let's go see!" He'll soon get the idea!

At each step, reinforce words by talking about what you can see together. Always wait first to see what your little one says spontaneously - try not to ask "what's that?" If he doesn't seem sure then it's fine to help – he might even try saying the word himself!

Over 3 years: Try taking a photo of a corner of a familiar object or piece of furniture to make the observation element of the treasure hunt more challenging. Focus on descriptive language such as colour, texture. Instead of using photos, read out a written clue to describe where each egg is hidden. Try clues such as: "Where do we wash our hands?" or "Where do we keep things cold?"

How does this game help language to develop?

- ✓ By introducing new vocabulary
- ✓ By developing observation skills
- ✓ By developing descriptive language and basic concepts
- ✓ By developing narrative and sequencing skills

