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October Activity Sheet

Feed the Monster

Learn concepts while you feed our friendly Hallowe'en pumpkin

You will need:

An old cereal box and some glue or tape
Pictures are provided below

Stick the big Hallowe'en pumpkin below onto the front of an old cereal box and cut out a mouth. This is your monster. Cut out the individual pumpkin and ghost pictures.

2-3 Years: Lay out all the big and little pumpkin and ghost pictures. Explain to your little one that you are going to ask her to 'Feed the Monster'. Give instructions like this: "The monster wants a big pumpkin"; "The monster wants a little ghost".

See if your little one knows the difference between 'big' and 'little'. If she's not sure, help her by using sign. As you say 'big' place your hands wide apart; as you say 'little' place your thumb and forefinger about an inch apart. She'll soon get the idea. Remember children usually learn the meaning of 'big' and 'little' somewhere between 2-3 years.



3-4 Years: For older players make the game more difficult. Print out double the pictures and tell your pre-schooler "The monster wants a big blue pumpkin"; "The monster wants a little green ghost", so she has to listen and remember two concept words. If this is too difficult, just miss one of the concept words out to make it simpler.

Your pre-schooler will think its great fun if she can take turns with you and tell you what to feed the monster too!

How does this game help language to develop?

- ✓ By building understanding of early concepts of colour and size
- ✓ By developing listening and understanding up to 3 key word level
- ✓ By developing your child's ability to give instructions



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