



## Environmental Print Matching Game

### Materials

- One game board and one set of matching cards printed on card stock per participant
- One file folder per participant
- One small envelope per participant
- One piece of clear contact paper (page-size) per participant
- Scissors, one pair for every two participants
- Glue Stick, one for every two participants



### Directions

- Open file folder and attach the game board with solid grid lines on the right side of the folder using the glue stick. Cover the board with contact paper. The edges of the contact paper should overlap onto the folder.
- On the bottom left side of the folder, attach the envelope using a glue stick. Store the matching cards in the envelope.
- Cut the matching cards out along the dotted grid lines. Store them in the envelope until needed.

### Activity

- Present the game board to your child.
- Explain that the game can be played a couple of ways.
- Encourage your child to review the cards and label them if possible.
- Label the cards with your child by pointing at the word on each card as you say it.
- Assist your child with matching the cards to the game board.
- Tell your child that you will call out a word and he or she should place the correct card on the game board. Reverse the role and allow your child to call out the word while you match the card to the game board.
- Tell your child to listen very carefully while you say only the beginning sound of the word. Have him or her choose the appropriate card according to the beginning sound that you make.

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- Have your child label the beginning sound. “What letter has the s-s-s-s-s-s sound? What letter has the m-m-m-m-m sound?”
  - Practice creating rhyming words with your child by saying “What sounds/rhymes like drop, pop, and flop?” Create silly rhyming words such as “Feerios, Meerios, Zeerios.”
  - Spread three cards out on the table in a row. Have your child identify which picture is first, second and last. Put cards in a row and have them identify which card is at the top, middle and bottom.
  - Have a word race with your child. Spread two cards on the table and say the names as quickly as possible while clapping your hands. Encourage your child to say the names as quickly as they can. Add additional cards to increase the challenge.
  - At every opportunity, point out and label words for your child. Point out fast food restaurants, store names, signs on buildings, billboards, words in magazines, on food containers, etc.