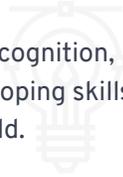


# MATCHING GAME

## OVERVIEW

**Matching games** are a great way to introduce vocabulary or explore a new topic of study. The beauty of a game like memory is that it is very simple to play and even simpler to make.

Working on both memory and symbol recognition, learners are able to have fun while developing skills that translate very well into the real world.



## MATERIALS

- Blank paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Colour cardboard paper (optional)
- Glue (optional)



## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1** → Gather the items in the materials list and find a flat surface to play.

**STEP 2** → Grab the paper and use the scissors to cut it into 16 squares for the cards. You can also use cardboard paper to make the squares stronger. Simply cut cardboard into squares that are just a little larger than the blank paper and use glue to stick the blank paper on top.

**STEP 3** → Once you have the cards cut out, begin to design the symbols or objects that will be on one side of the card. Be sure to make two copies of each symbol or object, as you need to have matching partners. If using vocabulary, write the word you're exploring beneath the picture (blank side if using cardboard paper). In this activity we've used the theme of the environment (see suggested vocabulary ideas to the right).

**STEP 4** → Play your memory game!



## VOCABULARY IDEAS

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|---------|-----------|------------|
| • Tree  | • Puddle  | • Mountain |
| • Leaf  | • Mud     | • Snow     |
| • Soil  | • Rock    | • Animal   |
| • Water | • Metal   | • Lava     |
| • Air   | • Wood    | • Fire     |
| • Sun   | • Weather | • Flowers  |
| • Grass | • Ocean   |            |



## ADAPTATIONS

This game can be played by one player or multiple players and can be changed to fit any topic you're interested in exploring.

You could explore different subjects or hobbies that learners are interested in. Another change that could be made in order to adapt this to an older age group would be to add an x and y plane and teach how coordinates work.