MONTESSORI INSPIRATION • 2-3 YEARS

My First Discoveries

Pictures to name.
Pairs to find.
Time to explore together.



ANIMALS & EVERYDAY FOODS

12 double images • 2 size sets • adult guide
10 free A4 pages • no reading required of the child

THE ADULT GUIDE

A Little Moment for Two

Only one challenge at a time. The child can observe, point, or name.

Preparing the Cards

Print on A4, 100%, single-sided. Pages 3-4: animals; pages 7-8: foods. Adult cuts along the dotted lines. For the size games on pages 5-6, cut out the two cards below; keep the top model.

Start with Two Images

Choose two familiar animals. Say: “This is the rabbit.” Let your child look and touch. Then suggest: “Can you show me the rabbit?” If they hesitate, name it again without expecting success.

Finding a Pair

Place two model cards face up. Give one identical image at a time and show a match. Then let your child try. Add a third pair only if the game remains easy and enjoyable.

Ages 2-3

A few minutes may be enough. The printed words are for the adult. No memorisation of writing or word cards to match. The picture helps to talk; it does not replace the real object.

Always with an Adult

Keep cards away from the mouth. Remove any damaged cards and cuttings. If you laminate, round the corners. Store scissors and small pieces after preparation.

MODEL CARDS • SHEET A

Animals to Name

The adult cuts out. Start with just two or three cards.



the rabbit



the tortoise



the fish



the butterfly



the ladybird



the hedgehog

IDENTICAL IMAGES • SHEET B

Animals to Match

Match these images to the cards on page 3. All visuals are identical.













A SIZE GAME

The Big and Little Rabbit

Keep the top models. Cut out the cards below and overlay them.

MODELS





CARDS TO BE CUT OUT BY THE ADULT





Two sizes of the same drawing: only the size changes. Show once, then let them try.

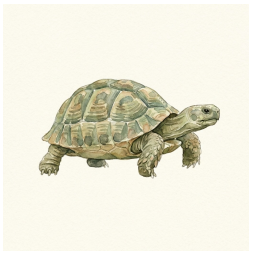
A SIZE GAME

The Big and Little Tortoise

Keep the top models. Cut out the cards below and overlay them.

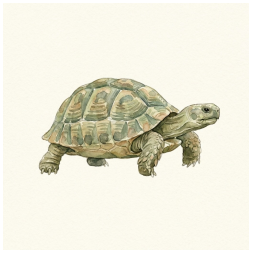
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MODEL CARDS • SHEET A

Foods to Name

Name each food. If possible, also show the real food.



the apple



the pear



the strawberry



the lemon



the carrot



the tomato

IDENTICAL IMAGES • SHEET B

Foods to Match

Match these images to the models on page 7.













TO BE READ BY THE ADULT

Three Ways to Play

Keep it simple. No need to do all three on the same day.

01 • The Little Picture Book

Place two cards. Name the animal and make a small comment: “The rabbit has long ears.” Welcome a word, gesture, or look.



02 • The Picture and the Object

Place an apple and a pear out of reach of the mouth. Present the matching cards. Show: “The apple is here, its picture is there.” Then invite your child to point.



03 • Searching for the Pair

Spread out two models face up. Give one identical card at a time. Your child places it on the model. They compare the pictures directly; this is not a memory game.



When interest fades, tidy up together. The same activity can return another day.

AFTER THE CARDS

Discoveries Continue

The joy of recognising a picture continues in everyday life.

At the Market
Find a food item from the cards. Say its name, shape, and colour. The child can simply point.



In a Book
Look together for a rabbit, a tortoise, or a butterfly. The drawings may differ: it’s the same animal.

In Nature
Observe an animal from a distance. Look without touching and leave the little creatures in their environment.

For Later, If Interested
The 3-6 years nomenclature cards offer another use, with pictures and words. They are also free at **filoumi.com/en/activites-montessori-a-imprimer**.

A Montessori-inspired resource to share with an adult. Always respect your child’s pace.