

Instructions for Grouping Cards

The grouping cards are a fun way to group children into a variety of different groups based on the type, number or colour of their cards.

Children (or adults) should pick a card at random or be handed a card. The adult then chooses a criterion for grouping and the children have to try and find and group with other children having a card with that particular criterion. This should be as active as possible with children allowed to run and shout to find their groups.

Current card sets –

Fruit cards

Shape Cards

Hero Cards

Space Cards

(feel free to make up your own)

Criteria for Grouping

Grouping by type (4 groups of 4) – for instance all the children with an apple or apples on their card group together as do all the children with bananas on their card etc.

Grouping by numbers (4 groups) – for instance all the children with one object (regardless of the specific object) group together as do all the children with 2,3 or 4 objects. (note this works with fruit, space and shape cards but not hero cards.)

Grouping by background colour (3 groups) – For instance all the children with blue background colour cards group together as do yellow etc.

Grouping by Colour of shape (5 groups) – for instance all the children with a green shape on their card group together as do all the children with a purple shape etc. (note this grouping only applies to shape cards)

Groups can be combined i.e. circles and squares together and triangles and hexagons.

You can also be creative “fruits where you can eat the skin in one group and fruits where you don’t in another” (for fruit cards) or “Objects you can land on group together and objects you can’t” (for space cards)