



Awareness & training
for quality child care

part/whole MEMORY CARD GAME

Did you know small parts together make a whole? Try to name all the parts you see and match them with their whole!





FIND SOMETHING IN YOUR HOME THAT IS A PART AND DRAW IT HERE.

FIND SOMETHING IN YOUR HOME THAT IS A WHOLE AND DRAW IT HERE.

HOW TO PLAY PART/ WHOLE MEMORY GAME:

1. Print out memory cards and cut out. We've included a blank pair of cards for you to create personalized cards for your child, based on his or her interests. Older children may want to draw their own pictures.
2. Talk about how small things can make up big things and explain that each of the cards represents a part or a whole. If you've done our dyed noodle necklace activity, offer that as one example. Encourage your child to come up with more examples of part/whole pairs for things found in your home.
3. Shuffle cards and lay each card face down. Use 2–3 pairs for younger children and more for older children.
4. Invite your child to turn over a card. Talk about what's on the card and what other card would create a matched pair. Invite your child to turn over another card. If it doesn't make a matched pair, turn both cards face down. If it does make a match, remove the cards from the playing field. The game is over when all matches are found. If the game is too easy for your child, add more pairs to increase the difficulty. If the game is too hard, use less pairs.

This is a fun way to help your child start understanding how small things together can make a big thing. Memory can be played anywhere there's a flat surface—so put it in your child's backpack and play it when you have a couple minutes to spare!