This game is to help your child learn to follow short instructions with concept vocabulary e.g. on, in, under, behind, next to, beside, in front of, first and last.

To play this game cut out the spider or bug pictures attached. You will also need some things to hide the spider ‘in’, ‘on’ or ‘under’ (e.g. a plate, a cup and a box) and a teddy or soft toy to look for the spider.

Put the cup, plate, and box on the floor or table in front of your child. Before you start show your child all the places the spiders could be hidden telling your child as you demonstrate. Explain to your child that you are going to hide the spiders for teddy to find. Tell your child to cover teddy's eyes then hide the picture.

Tell teddy to open his eyes and ask your child to tell teddy where to look first and then after that to find the spiders.

e.g. ‘First look under the plate and after that look behind the cup.’

Next let your child be teacher and hide the pictures. Then get your child to give teddy instructions to follow. You may need to remind your child to tell teddy where to look and in the right order.

See if he or she can spot your ‘mistakes’ e.g. make teddy look in the wrong place.

Variations:

To make this game easier just use the position words, and not first and last.
e.g. ‘Look under the plate, look behind the cup.’

To make this game harder introduce before and after e.g. ‘Before you look under the cushion, look behind the cup.’