Alien Visitors

This game is to help your child learn to sort things and name things in groups. These are important skills for vocabulary building.

You will need the category and alien pictures attached. Cut out the category pictures and place the two big alien pictures on the table in front of your child. Explain to your child that these aliens have come to Earth and want to take some things home as souvenirs. One alien wants to take items from one category back to his planet. The other alien wants to take items from another category back to his planet. Possible categories are transport, food, clothes, animals or instruments.

Take turns at choosing a picture and deciding which alien will take it home with them. Place the pictures under each alien as your child decides.

At the end of the game take the pictures from one alien and ask your child to tell you some similarities and differences between two of the pictures, e.g. the lion and the cat are the same because they both have four legs and fur. They are different because the lion lives in the wild and the cat is a pet.

Variations:

To make this game easier use fewer pictures.

To make this game harder increase the number of aliens and categories. You can also introduce sub-categories e.g. fruit or vegetables.

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