This game is to help your child learn to match things. This is an important skill for vocabulary building because it is the first step in learning to tell what is the same and different about items.

You will need lots of pairs of shoes and socks to play this game. The pairs should look different from each other e.g. they should be different colours or different sizes. Mix them up and place them in a big pile. Tell your child that you need help to sort them out. Choose one sock or shoe and ask your child to find the partner.

When your child finds the matching pair talk about why they are the same e.g. they are both red, they both have spots, they are long.

**Variations:**

To make this game easier you could use two pairs and gradually build up the number as your child gets better.

To make this game harder increase the number of pairs or ask your child to tell you differences between the pairs.