

Snap! card sharks

Let's play and talk together

- ❖ First, make some playing cards with your child. You will need two copies of the same magazine or catalogue to make pairs of cards which are the same. To make the cards, get some blank recipe cards or cut out cardboard rectangles from cereal boxes, and glue one picture on each card. You will need about 15 pairs of playing cards.
- ❖ Now you can play "Snap!" together. Shuffle the cards and deal an equal number to each player. Take turns placing a card face up between you. When two cards with the same picture come up one after the other, the person who says "Snap!" first takes all the cards in the pile. Keep putting down cards until someone has no more cards to play.



A good read-together book



The Book of Card Games for Little Kids by Gail McColl

You will need scissors, cardboard or recipe cards, a glue stick, and two magazines or catalogues with the same pictures in them.

This activity helps children learn to observe, look for similarities, and think quickly.

Hints for success

- ❖ Choose magazines or catalogues with interesting pictures for your child, such as toys, tools or hardware.
- ❖ As you make the cards, talk about the pictures. Help your child notice the shapes and details in each picture.
- ❖ Before you start, play a simple matching game where you mix up the cards and then put the pairs together.
- ❖ Show your child how the game works before you play.

How many cards did you get for that Snap?

You're right - it's a Snap! You got two fire trucks!

Ways to say it

More ideas for Snap! card sharks

Try this way

- ❖ The person who says "Snap!" first makes up a short story or a sentence about the object on the winning Snap card before taking the pile of cards.
- ❖ Make playing cards with large numbers on them. Use only the numerals from 0 to 9, and make at least two pairs of each numeral. Play snap with the numeral cards, and say the name of the numeral when you get a Snap!
- ❖ Make playing cards with simple shapes (e.g. pairs of circles, squares, triangles, rectangles) in different colours (e.g. red, yellow, blue, green). Help your child learn the names of the shapes and colours as you play "Snap!" with the cards.



Book link

The Book of Cards for Kids
by Gail MacColl

The More We Get Together

The more we get together,
Together, together.
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.

For your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends.
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.

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