

Here is a game to finish this set. These types of games are called pelmanism games. They are very good for helping to improve your child's short-term memory.

This particular pelmanism game also provides an opportunity to practise some reading.

Look at the worksheet. There are six sentences. Each sentence is about one of the pictures.

You could start by telling your child to read the sentences and match each one to a picture by pointing.

Now let's prepare the game.

Photocopy the sheet and stick it onto a piece of thin card. Cut out the rectangles. Colour the back of the six sentence cards in one colour and the back of the picture cards in another colour. Tell your child to read the sentences again and match each to a picture.

How to play

- 1** Turn all the cards face down on the table so that you cannot see either the words or the pictures. What you can see are two sets of coloured cards. Mix them around on the table.
- 2** Each player takes it in turn to draw two cards, one of each colour. If the sentence matches the picture, the player keeps the two cards and the second player takes a turn. If the cards do not match, they are placed face down in the position they were in before. The second player then takes a turn.
- 3** Each player must try to remember where each card is so that he can try to match pairs.
- 4** Play continues until all the cards are used up.

The player with the most pairs wins!

Keep your games

Children love to play games – even literacy games – so keep all the ones you make. You can play them over and over again. Keep them in a box so that your child can go and choose a game at the end of your session. You can also adapt the ideas using more complex and challenging words later on as your child's skills grow.

Tom runs so fast.



Ben felt ill.



The traffic is bad.



Bob is fond of Ann.



He fell in the pond.



Ted fed his fat rabbit.

