

# Kitchen Memory Game



Here's a game that can be good for all the children at home, which will help with their memory and language skills. As you know, the Chef Corner Restaurant is packed with things for the kids to pretend play at cooking, allowing them to serve up a treat for their friends or siblings! If you have one at home, you can use this to extend the play. Alternatively, you can use things in your own kitchen at home!

## What you will need:

- 10 kitchen or household items
- A tablecloth
- An empty box

## How to play

Choose the items from the kitchen; make them very different and no bigger than a small saucepan. You should choose items that are familiar to your children, including their favourite food items and utensils, such as spoons and forks. As mentioned, the Smoby Kitchens can be a great source of inspiration!

Next, lay the items on the floor and cover them with a cloth. Have the children sit around them in a circle.

Then, remove the tablecloth and ask the children to name the items taking it in turn. You can talk about some of the items if they are less familiar or you could extend the conversation. For instance, you could discuss what the food items are eaten with or what the objects are used for.

After you have done this, cover the items back up and ask the children to turn around and sit with their backs to the circle.

Then, while they are not looking, remove one item from under the cloth and put it inside the box where they cannot see it.

Now ask them to turn back round. The children must put their hands up and one can be chosen to guess what item is missing.

After it has been guessed correctly, replace the item in the group and begin again.



## Smoby Learning Tip

Discussing the items before playing the game will help them to remember what's in the circle, while also developing conversation and language skills.

- **Make the game harder** - you can remove two items at a time or move the items around in the group.
- **Add variety** - why not choose a different room each day from which you select the items.
- **Let the children test you** - the little ones love to put the elders to the test, too. So, once they have become familiar with the game, you can ask them to challenge you!