

Topics: Color Recognition and Matching; Color Words, 1:1 Correspondence

Materials List

- ✓ Paper and/or cardstock in white and 10 different colors
- ✓ Permanent marker
- ✓ File folder or piece of lightweight cardboard
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Scissors or Die cutting equipment (available at RAFT)
- ✓ Optional: laminator

This activity can be used to teach:

Next Generation Science:

- Science & Eng. Practices (Grade K)

Common Core Math:

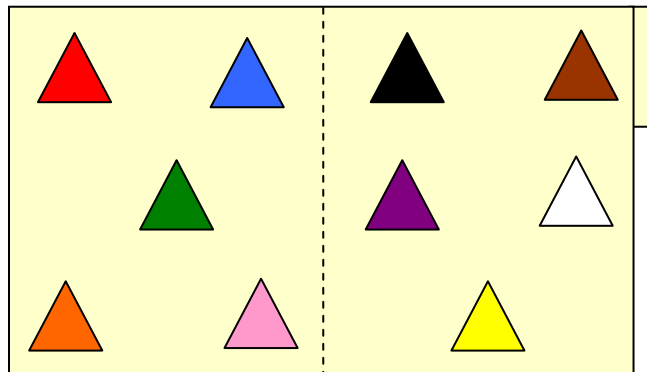
- Classify objects (Grade K, Measurement and Data, 3)
- Problem Solving and Reasoning (Math Practices Grade K)

Common Core English Language Arts Standards:

- Conversation & Vocabulary (Grade K, Speaking / Listening, 1, 6; Grades K, Language, 5)
- Word analysis (Foundational Skills, Grades K, 3)

Color Match

“Red” on Red; “Blue” on Blue



Students match colors and color words as they play this easy-to-make game.

Assembly

1. Choose a simple shape to use for this game (e.g. crayons, apples, squares). If desired, the shape may reflect the season or a class theme.
2. Hand or die cut paper/cardstock into the chosen shape. Cut three shapes of each color (30 total) and an additional one of white for each color selected (10 total).
3. Create a game board: glue one shape of each color (10 total) into an open file folder or onto a piece of cardboard.
4. On one shape of each color write the corresponding color word (i.e. write “red” on the red shape).
5. Write one of the color words on each white shape.
6. Optional: laminate game board and the shapes for durability.

Playing the Game (for 1 or more players)

1. The easiest level of play uses the unlabeled color shapes. Students match each color shape to the corresponding color shape on the game board.
2. The second level: students match the labeled color shapes with the corresponding color shapes on the game board.
3. The third level: when the students are familiar with the color words, students match the white shape with the correct color word to the color shape on the game board.
4. At each level, encourage children to verbalize their actions which will help them to process the information.

The Content Behind the Activity

Sorting, matching, and 1:1 correspondence skills developed in the early years are crucial for success in math, science, and language learning as children mature. Young learners frequently sort first by color. This game provides children with hands-on concrete manipulatives with which to explore and apply their developing concepts and skills. This game can be modified to incorporate student interests and ongoing classroom themes. Game playing is an enjoyable activity that captures children’s interest and facilitates learning.

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=513 for more resources!)