

Clickety Bird Pairs

Before you play a game look at the pictures together and name them.

Talk about the birds and compare them – What's the same? What's different? For example, comment on the colour of their feathers or the size of their beaks.

You can practise plurals too – they will need to listen carefully!

Play pairs (You will need 2 sets of pictures):

- Hand a picture from one set to each child and place the other set face up on the floor, or on a table.
- Invite each child in turn to name their bird and say something about it – help as necessary: *'Is it a puffin or a chick?'* and *'Is it yellow or pink?'*
- Then get each child to find its pair - helping as necessary saying *'The one that matches'* or *'looks the same'*.

Vary the game:

- Place one set of pictures face up on the floor and keep the other set in a pile face down.
- Select the top card and without letting the children see it give them a clue about which bird it is. For example: *'My bird has long legs - Jack can you find its pair?'*
- Can they remember its name? Can they say something else about it? For example, colour of feathers or beak?



