

Describe and find it

Main Purpose: To develop vocabulary and help children to identify the differences between sounds

Set up a pretend farmyard with some farm animals in, such as pig, cow, horse, chicken, sheep etc. Describe one of the animals but do not tell the children its name. Say, for example: *This animal has horns, four legs and a tail.* Or : *This animal has two legs and swims on a pond.* Ask them to say which animal it is. Ask them to make the noise the animal might make. When they are familiar with the game, let your child take the part of the adult and describe the animal for you to name.

This activity can be repeated with other sets of objects such as zoo animals, toy sets based on transport (e.g. aeroplane, car, train, bus, boat) and musical instruments. It can be made more challenging by introducing sets of random objects to describe and name.

