Shopping Card Packaging

- · Sort cards by category.
- Match cards by pictures/words.
- Answer yes/no to questions on cards.
- Variations provide opportunities for hands-on tasks over extended periods of time.

Materials

- 1 storage bin
- 1 12-compartment tray
- 1 small bin
- 2 clear plastic snap boxes
- 30 vinyl pockets
- Direction Cards
 30 Find Cards (match 3 pictures)
 30 Find Cards (match 6 pictures)
 30 Find Cards (match words)
 30 Question Cards
- 30 Response Cards (yes/no)
- 288 Shopping Cards (10 categories) beverage/dairy—yellow carbohydrates—tan clothing—purple condiments—teal convenience foods—blue fruits/vegetables—green meats—red personal care—pink snacks—brown supplies—orange



Quality Criteria

Shopping Cards or Response Cards placed in vinyl pocket must match pictures/words on Find Cards or correctly answer questions on Question Cards.



Assembly

Setup

Punch out all the Shopping Cards. Take the 30 Find Cards or Question Cards needed for the chosen variation from the snap box and place them in a stack on the table to the left. Set aside the snap box with the unused cards. Place the vinyl pockets to the right of the stack of cards. Sort the Shopping and Response Cards into the 12-compartment tray and place the tray to the right of the pockets. Place the small bin next to the tray on the right.

Procedure

Variation One

Sort by category (color). This variation requires no Direction or Response Cards.

Shuffle the Shopping Cards and place them on the table to the left. Place one card from each of the 10 categories in the tray, with each category in a separate slot. All the cards should face forward.

- Take a Shopping Card from the table. Determine the category (color).
- Find the matching category (color) in the tray.
- · Place the card on top of the card of the matching category.
- Repeat until all the cards are sorted in the tray.

Note: For easier variations, limit the categories to 2, 4, or 6 categories, choosing cards with clearly different category colors.

The green of the Fruits/Vegetables category is very difficult to differentiate from the teal of the Condiments category. If this is too difficult, sort them as one category. Later, all the green and teal cards can be sorted by type, if the worker is able, with Fruits/Vegetables in one stack and Condiments in another stack.



Variation Two

Package 3 cards, using color cues to match by pictures/words.

Place the 30 Find Cards (match 3 pictures) on the table to the left, with the Shopping Cards sorted in the tray.

- Take the top Find Card.
- · Take a vinyl pocket.
- · Place the Find Card in the vinyl pocket.
- Determine the first Shopping Card on the Find Card.
- Take the stack of cards in the category of the item (same color).
- · Look through the stack to find the matching card.
- Keeping the matching card, return the stack to the tray.
- Place the Shopping Card in the pocket behind the Find Card.
- Repeat for the 2 remaining Shopping Cards on the Find Card.
- When all 3 cards are found and placed in the pocket, place the pocket in the small bin.
- · Repeat for all the Find Cards.



Variation Three

Package 6 cards, using color cues to match by pictures/words.

Place the 30 Find Cards (match 6 pictures) on the table to the left, with the Shopping Cards sorted in the tray.

- · Take the top Find Card.
- Take a vinyl pocket.
- Place the Find Card in the vinyl pocket.
- Determine the first Shopping Card on the Find Card.
- Take the stack of cards in the category of the item (same color).
- · Look through the stack to find the matching card.
- Keeping the matching card, return the stack to the tray.
- Place the Shopping Card in the pocket behind the Find Card.
- Repeat for the 5 remaining Shopping Cards on the Find Card.
- When all 6 cards are found and placed in the pocket, place the pocket in the small bin.
- Repeat for all the Find Cards.



Variation Four

Find the checked items, using color cues to match by word.

Place the 30 Find Cards (match words) on the table to the left, with the Shopping Cards sorted in the tray.

- Take the top Find Card.
- · Take a vinyl pocket.
- Place the Find Card in the vinyl pocket.
- Determine the first item checked on the Find Card, noting the color cue.
- Take the stack of cards in the category of the item (same color).
- · Look through the stack to find the matching card.
- Keeping the matching card, return the stack to the tray.



- Place the Shopping Card in the vinyl pocket behind the Find Card.
- · Repeat for all the items on the Find Card.
- When all the items are found and placed in the pocket, place the pocket in the small bin.
- Repeat for all the Find Cards.

Variation Five

Match words and answer yes/no.

Place the 30 Question Cards on the table to the left, with the Response Cards sorted in the tray.

- Take the top Question Card.
- Take a vinyl pocket.
- · Place the Question Card in the vinyl pocket.
- · Read the question on the Question Card.
- Determine the answer to the question, yes or no.
- Take the appropriate Response Card and place it in the pocket behind the Question Card.
- Place the pocket in the small bin.
- Repeat for all the Question Cards.

Note: There are several types of Question Cards, which vary in difficulty. The exercise can be limited to just one or two types for those who cannot answer the more complex questions. For example:

"Is mustard on this list?" is a relatively easy type of question. If the matching word is found, the answer is yes. If not, it's no.

"Is cheese checked on this list?" is a more difficult type of question. Even if the matching word appears on the list, the answer is no if cheese is not checked.

"Are any fruits on this list?" is the most difficult type of question. The answer cannot be found by matching, but requires actual reading as well as understanding the categories, rather than simply matching them by color.

Disassembly

The tasks must be disassembled after each variation by someone other than the person who assembled it.

Setup

Place the bins and supplies as in the assembly tasks. Place the open snap box to the right of these materials.

Procedure - All Variations

- Take a vinyl pocket and remove the cards, placing them on the table.
- Place the vinyl pocket in the small bin.
- Place the Direction Card in the plastic snap box, facing forward.
- Sort the Shopping Cards in the tray by categories (colors), facing forward.
- Repeat until all the vinyl pockets are empty and all the cards are sorted in the tray.