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Activity Idea

Play with Palindromes

Recommended for Ages 8 +

What is a Palindrome

A palindrome is a word, phrase, sentence, or number that is the same backwards or forwards. If it is a phrase or a sentence you can play with the spaces, but not the order the letters come in. Examples:

- A single word
  - Bob, mom, dad
- A phrase
  - race car, taco cat, ufo tofu
- A sentence
  - Step on no pets. Was it a car or a cat I saw?
- A number
  - 101, 202, 505505

Make it a game

After showing the kid(s) what a palindrome is see how many they can make on their own, without looking them up online. You can make it a contest between the kid(s) and you. You can make it a race against a timer. The goal is to make it fun while the kid(s) get to practice their language skills