

Activity 6 – Hand and eye games

Play 'Which cup?'

What to do

- Start with 3 cups in a row. Show that they are empty and place them upside down on the table.
- Place a small object under one cup and tell your child to keep their eye on the cup.
- Make a show of sliding the cups round, encouraging your child to keep their eye on the cup containing the object.
- When you have shuffled the cups around, ask your child to point to the cup containing the object.
- You can play the game with several guessers watching.

What you need

Three identical cups which will be easy to slide around
A small ball, bead or toy



Extension

Play the game with more than one child by placing an object for different children to watch for (e.g. *yellow pompom under cup 1 and green pompom under cup 2*). Ask your child to be the cup mover. Can they catch you out? Keep score – a correct guess ends in a point for the guesser; an incorrect guess scores a point for the cup mover.

Questions to ask

Can you see the ball under the cup before I cover it up?
Can you keep your eye on the cup while I move them around?
Do you know which is your cup?
Can you catch me out?