

Tri-spy

Let's play and talk together

- ❖ While you are on a walk, invite your child to look for three things: something **special**, something **strange** and something **beautiful**.
- ❖ As you walk along, share what you notice. Point out your choice for each category and ask your child to do the same.
- ❖ Encourage your child to use words that describe each choice.
- ❖ Explain why you chose each item and ask your child to do the same.



Hints for success

- ❖ Go slowly so you can look carefully.
- ❖ Start with just one kind of choice, e.g. "Let's look for something special."
- ❖ Help one another find interesting choices.

A good read-together book



Each One Special by Frieda Wishinsky

This activity is good for observing carefully, learning descriptive words, and explaining choices.

I spy something beautiful! Can you guess what it is?

Oh look! There's something strange about that sign. A letter is missing.

Ways to say it

More ideas for Tri-spy

Try this way

- ❖ For younger children (ages 2-3), show your child how to play this game by pointing out things that are special, strange or beautiful whenever you can.
- ❖ Invite older children (ages 4-5) to choose or change the category of things to look for, e.g. something happy, something slimy, something funny, etc.



Drawing and writing

Take a camera or sketch pad on your walk, and draw or photograph some of the things your child chooses. Use the pictures to make a story about the walk. Write down what your child has to say about each picture.

The Rainbow

Boats sail on the rivers,
And ships sail on the seas;
But clouds that sail across the sky
Are prettier far than these.

There are bridges on the rivers,
As pretty as you please;
But the bow that bridges heaven,
And overtops the trees,
And builds a road from earth to sky,
Is prettier far than these.

Christina G. Rossetti