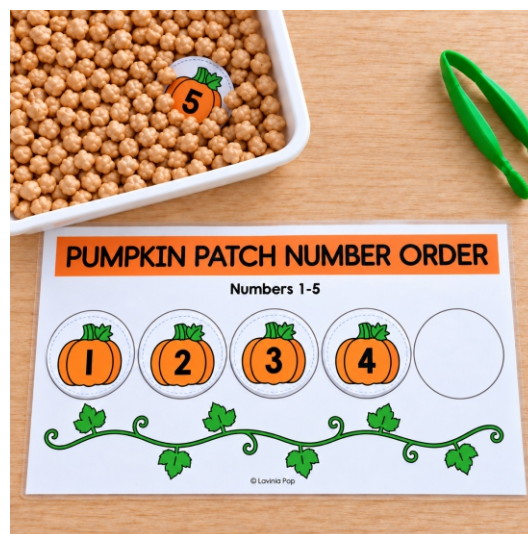
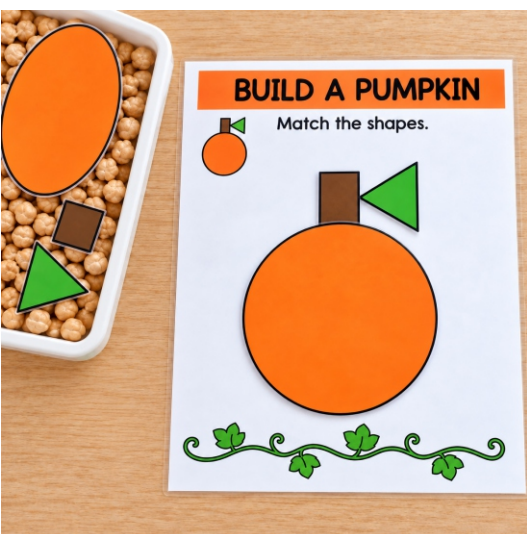


PUMPKIN SENSORY BINS

PRINTABLE PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES
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What's Included & Skills at a Glance

This resource includes 10 pumpkin sensory bin activities for practicing early literacy, math, science, language, and fine motor skills. Children find printable pieces and use them to match, count, compare, build, and explore.

Use the activities during centers, morning tubs, small groups, or homeschool learning. Each activity includes Teacher Directions, an illustrated How to Play card, and a More Ways to Play card.

1. PUMPKIN LETTER HUNT

Children choose a letter-pair card, find its uppercase and lowercase pumpkins, and place them on the matching spaces.

Skills: Letter recognition • Uppercase and lowercase matching • Visual discrimination • Fine motor skills

2. PUMPKIN RHYMING PAIRS

Children name a picture, find its rhyming partner, and place the pictures together on the pumpkin mat.

Skills: Rhyming • Listening • Oral vocabulary • Fine motor skills

3. PUMPKIN PATCH NUMBER ORDER

Children find numbered pumpkins and arrange them from left to right. Separate mats support numbers 1–5 and 6–10.

Skills: Number recognition • Number order • Counting sequence • Fine motor skills

4. PUMPKIN SEED COUNTING

Children choose a number card from 1–10 and count that many seed pieces onto the pumpkin.

Skills: Number recognition • Counting • One-to-one correspondence • Matching numbers to quantities

5. PUMPKIN SEED MORE OR FEWER

Children place seeds in two pumpkins, count each group, and compare which has more, fewer, or the same number.

Skills: Counting • Comparing quantities • Math vocabulary • Fine motor skills

6. BUILD A PUMPKIN

Children match shape pieces to guided mats. A blank mat and model cards provide opportunities to copy designs and build their own pumpkins.

Skills: Shape recognition • Spatial awareness • Following a model • Fine motor skills

7. PARTS OF A PUMPKIN

Children find and match pictures of the stem, rind, flesh, and seeds. Lines on the mat show where each part belongs.

Skills: Pumpkin parts • Vocabulary • Visual matching • Fine motor skills

8. PUMPKIN LIFE CYCLE

Children match six life cycle pictures, then follow the arrows to talk about how a pumpkin grows.

Skills: Life cycles • Sequencing • Vocabulary • Visual matching

9. PUMPKIN DETECTIVE

Children look at two clues, then find the pumpkin that matches both its color and shape.

Skills: Visual discrimination • Following directions • Color and shape vocabulary • Fine motor skills

10. PUMPKIN FEELINGS

Children match six pumpkin faces and name the feelings: happy, sad, surprised, worried, sleepy, and angry.

Skills: Feelings vocabulary • Visual matching • Speaking and listening • Fine motor skills

ALSO INCLUDED

- Teacher Directions
- Illustrated How to Play cards
- More Ways to Play cards
- Storage labels
- Sensory Bin Setup & Safety guide

Designed for:

- Preschool
- Pre-K
- Kindergarten review

Choose activities and starting sets to suit the children's experience and learning needs. Begin with a few pieces and add more as children become familiar with the activity.

Sensory Bin Setup & Safety

Sensory bins give children opportunities to explore materials while practicing early learning skills. Choose activities, tools, and fillers to suit the children using them.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Print the required pages on cardstock at Actual Size or 100%.
- Laminate for repeated use, if desired, and cut out the pieces.
- Add a shallow layer of the suggested filler to a tray or sensory bin.
- Partly hide the required pieces. Place the activity mat and any cards beside the bin.
- Model the activity. Begin with a small selection of pieces and add more as children become familiar with the task.
- Check the More Ways to Play card for any additional materials.

USING SHARED PRINTABLES

- Reuse the 10 seed pieces from Pumpkin Seed Counting for Pumpkin Seed More or Fewer.
- Use the same shape pieces with the Build a Pumpkin guided mats, blank mat, and model cards.
- Two sets of Pumpkin Feelings circles are supplied. Use one set for matching and both sets for Find a Pair.
- For Letters in My Name, write each child's name on a card and provide extra copies of any repeated letters.

CHOOSING A FILLER

Plain dried chickpeas are shown throughout this packet. Keep the filler shallow and leave some pieces visible. Children can use their hands or suitable tweezers or tongs to find the pieces. The activities can also be used in a tray without filler. Containers, fillers, and tools are not included.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Adult supervision is required.
- These activities contain small loose parts and are not suitable for children under 3 or children who mouth materials.
- Choose fillers and tools with children's allergies, sensitivities, and individual needs in mind.
- Model safe tool use and replace damaged materials.

STORAGE AND CARE

Keep each activity's mats, cards, and directions together in a labeled bag or container. Keep shared pieces accessible for reuse.

Count the pieces after play. Wipe laminated materials with a slightly damp cloth and allow them to dry before storing.

Happy Teaching!

STORAGE LABELS

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**PUMPKIN
LETTER
HUNT**

SENSORY BIN



**PUMPKIN
RHYMING
PAIRS**

SENSORY BIN



**PUMPKIN
PATCH
NUMBER
ORDER**

SENSORY BIN

3



**PUMPKIN
SEED
COUNTING**

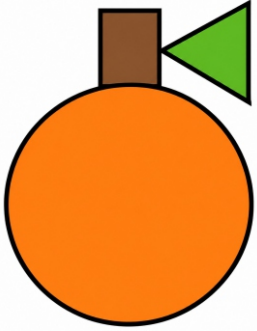
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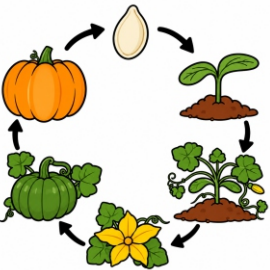
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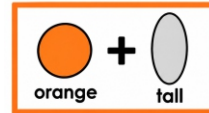
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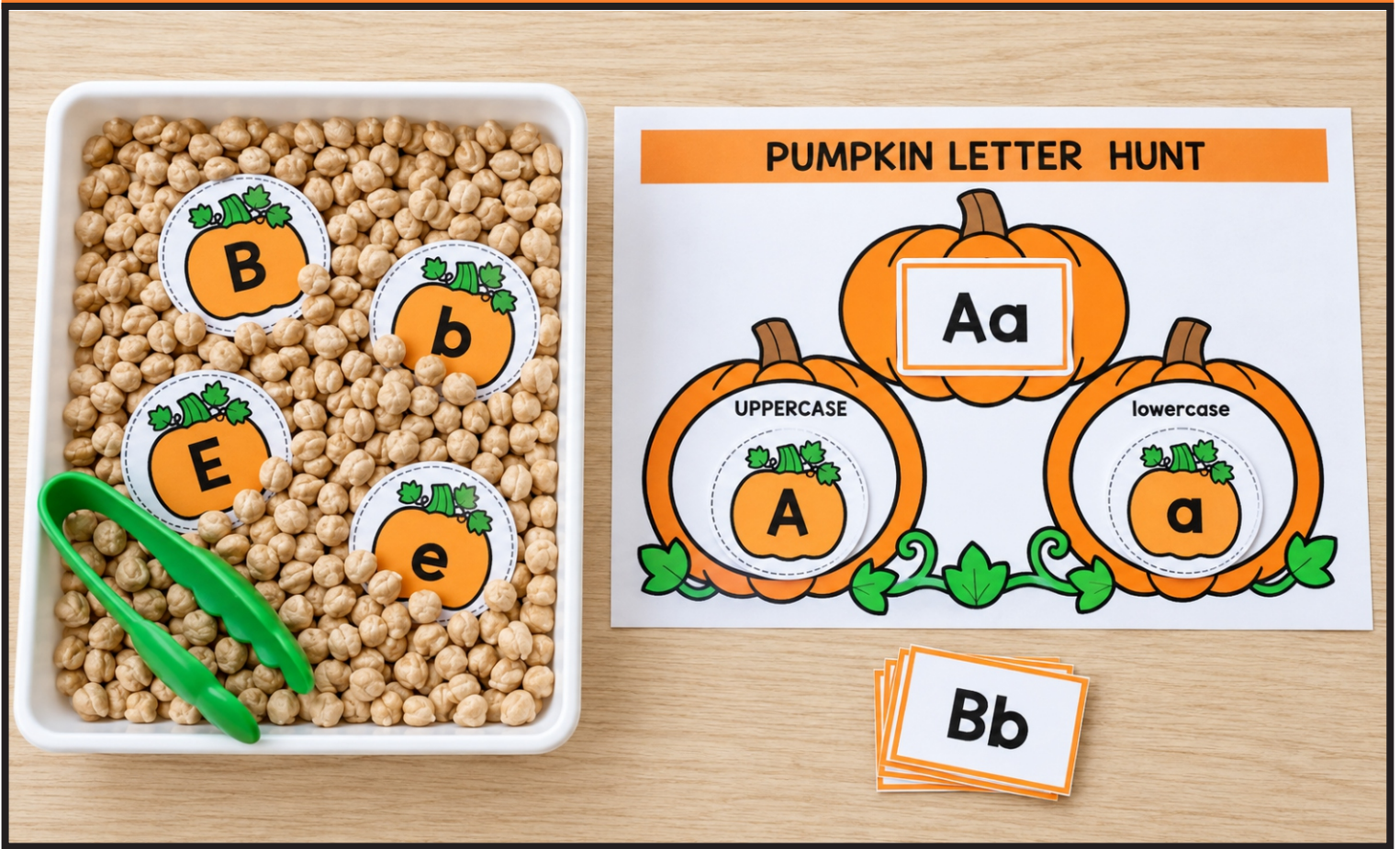


PUMPKIN FEELINGS

SENSORY BIN

PUMPKIN LETTER HUNT

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Pumpkin Letter Hunt mat
- Letter-pair cards
- Uppercase and lowercase pumpkin circles
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut out the cards and pumpkin circles.
2. Choose two or three letter pairs. Hide their pumpkin circles in the filler.
3. Place the mat and matching letter-pair cards beside the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Put a letter-pair card on the middle pumpkin.
2. Name the letter. Find both matching circles.
3. Place each circle in its matching space.
4. Check. Return the circles and play again.

DIFFERENTIATION

Start with one letter pair and help compare the shapes. Add more pairs as children become confident.

LEARNING FOCUS

Letter recognition • Uppercase and lowercase matching •
Visual discrimination • Fine motor skills

PUMPKIN LETTER HUNT

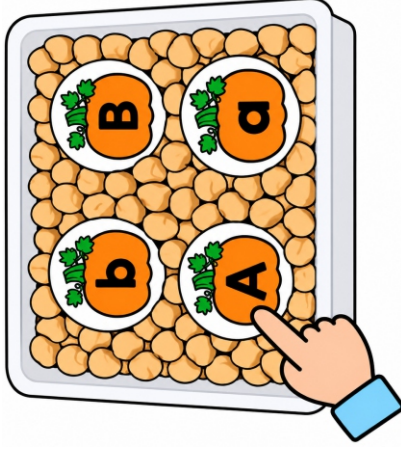
How To Play

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Choose a card.

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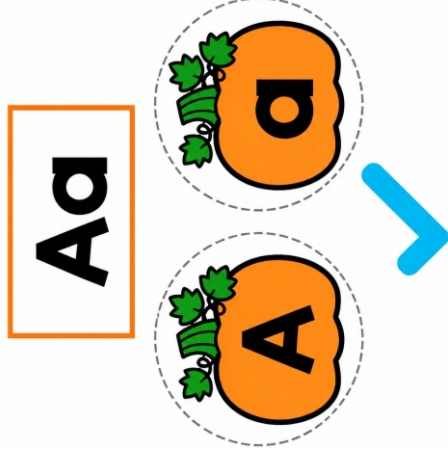
Find both letters.

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Match the letters.

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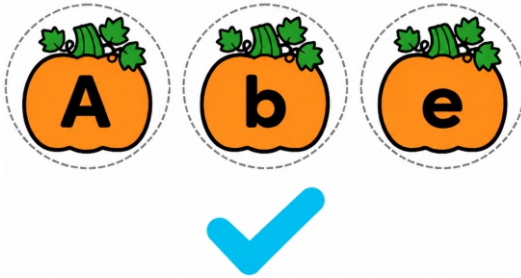
Check and play again.

PUMPKIN LETTER HUNT

More Ways to Play

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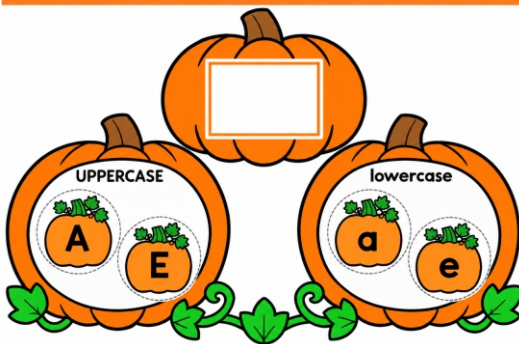


LETTERS IN MY NAME

1. Look at a card showing your name.
2. Find the matching pumpkin letters in the bin.
3. Arrange them to make your name. Use the card to check.

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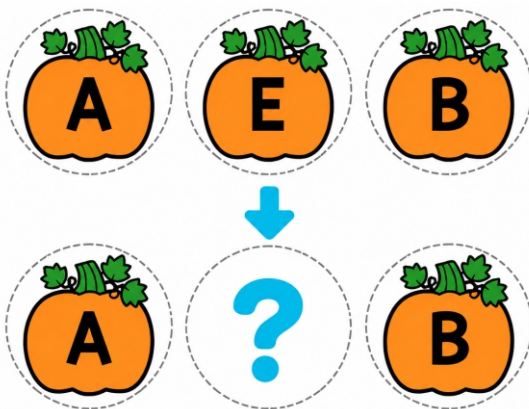
PUMPKIN LETTER HUNT



SORT THE PUMPKINS

1. Set the letter-pair cards aside.
2. Find a pumpkin letter. Name it with help if needed.
3. Place it in the uppercase or lowercase pumpkin on the mat. Keep sorting!

3



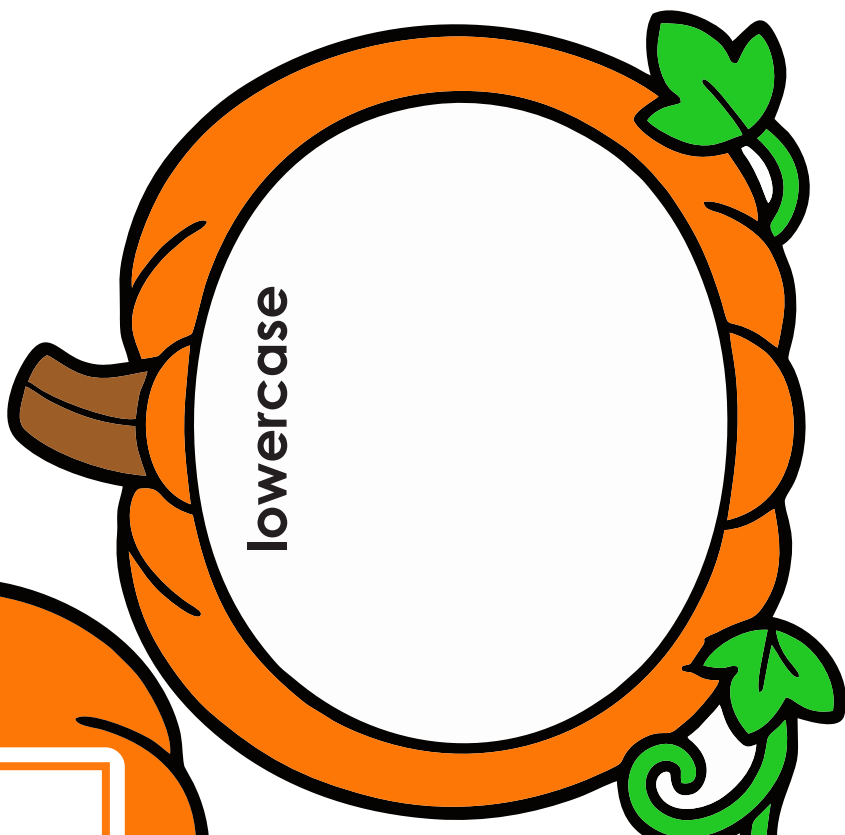
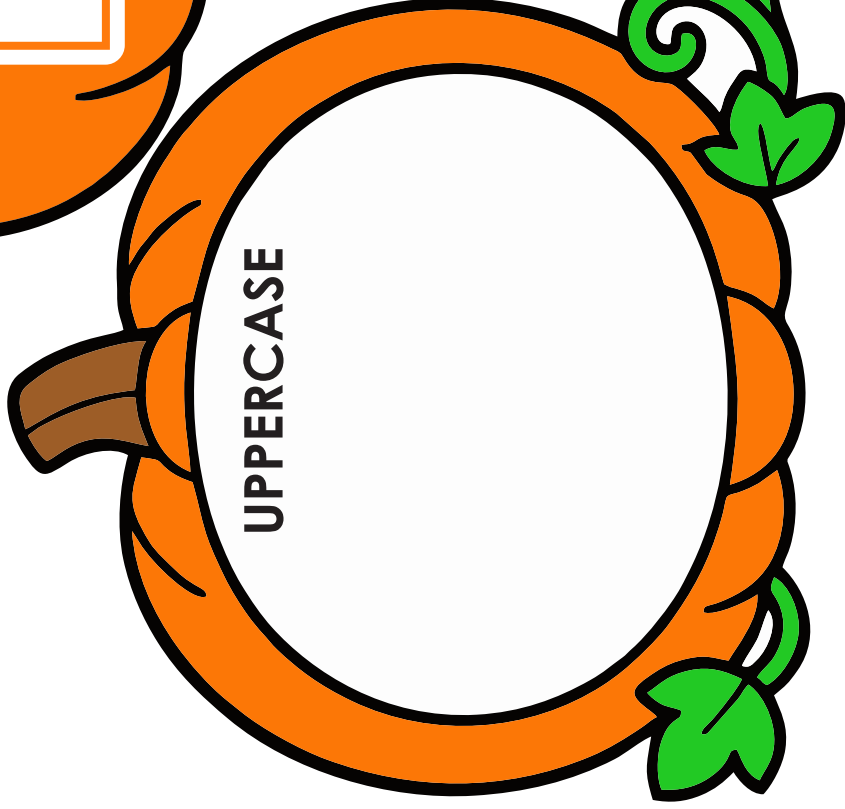
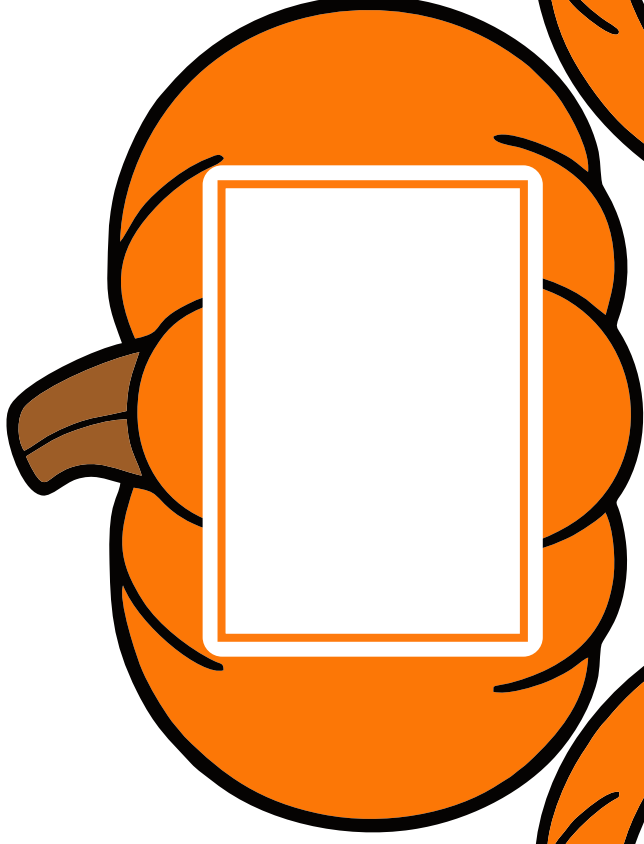
WHAT'S MISSING?

1. Place three familiar pumpkin letters in a row. Name them together.
2. Close your eyes while an adult hides one in the bin.
3. Name the missing letter, then find it.

TEACHER TIP

Write each child's name on a card. Match the uppercase and lowercase letters shown. Provide extra copies for repeated letters. Use a few familiar letters for sorting. Begin What's Missing? with two letters if needed.

PUMPKIN LETTER HUNT



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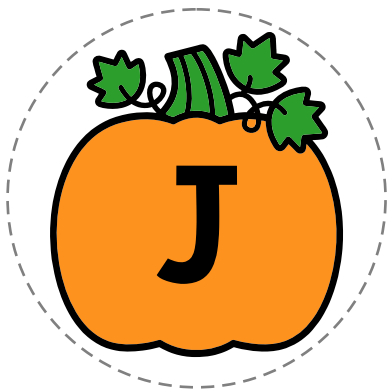
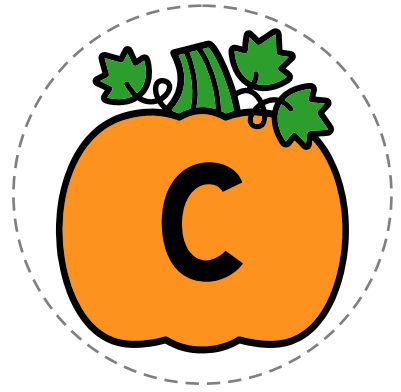
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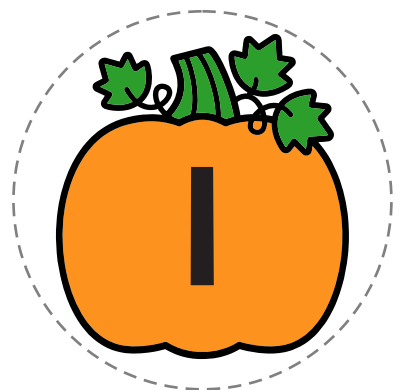
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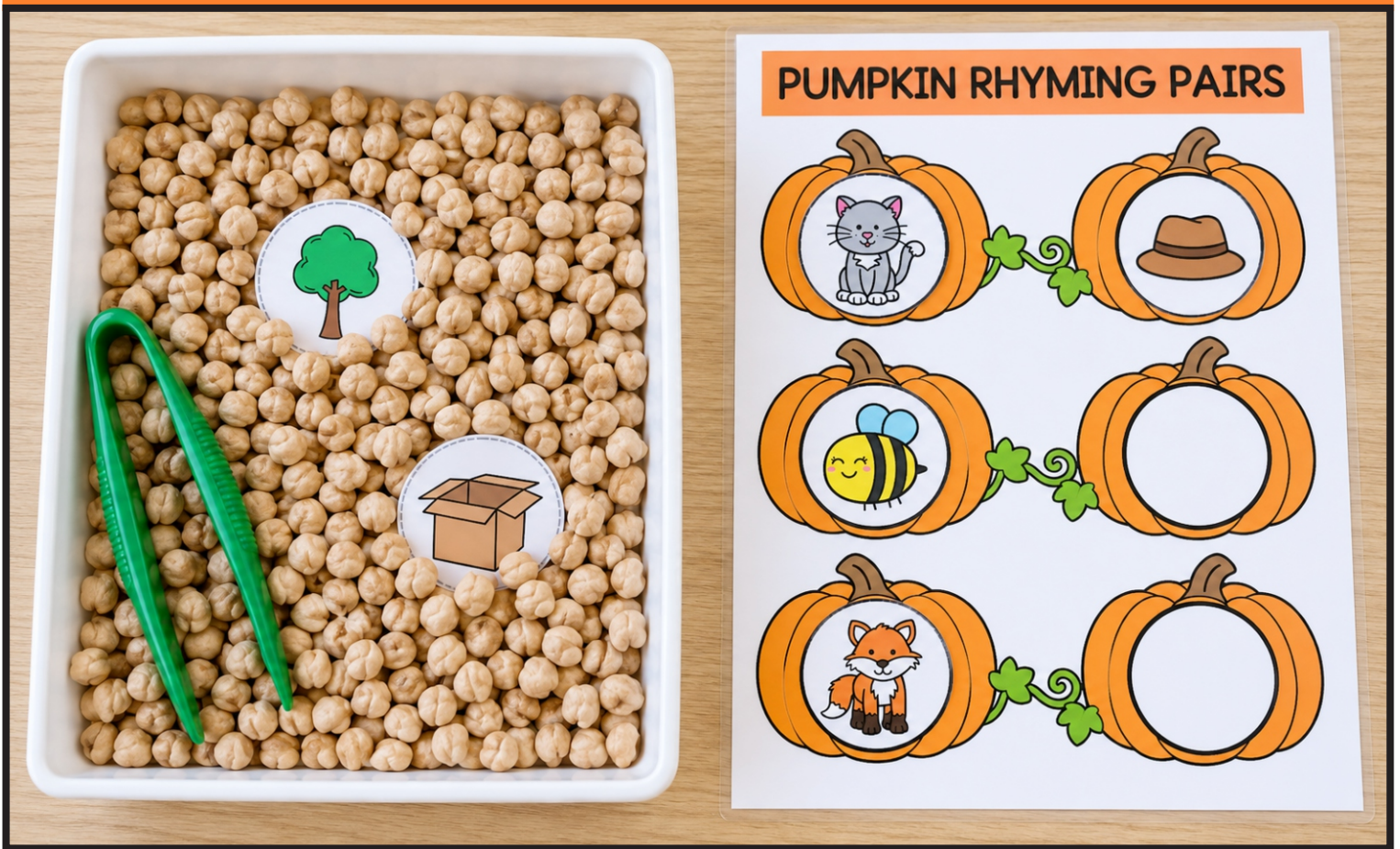
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PUMPKIN RHYMING PAIRS

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Pumpkin Rhyming Pairs mat
- Rhyming picture circles
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut out the circles.
2. Choose three rhyming pairs. Name each picture.
3. Put one of each pair in a left pumpkin. Hide the partners in the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Point to a picture on the mat and name it.
 2. Search the bin for a picture that rhymes.
 3. Place it in the pumpkin beside its partner.
 4. Say both words and listen for the rhyme.
- Continue until all three pairs are complete.

DIFFERENTIATION

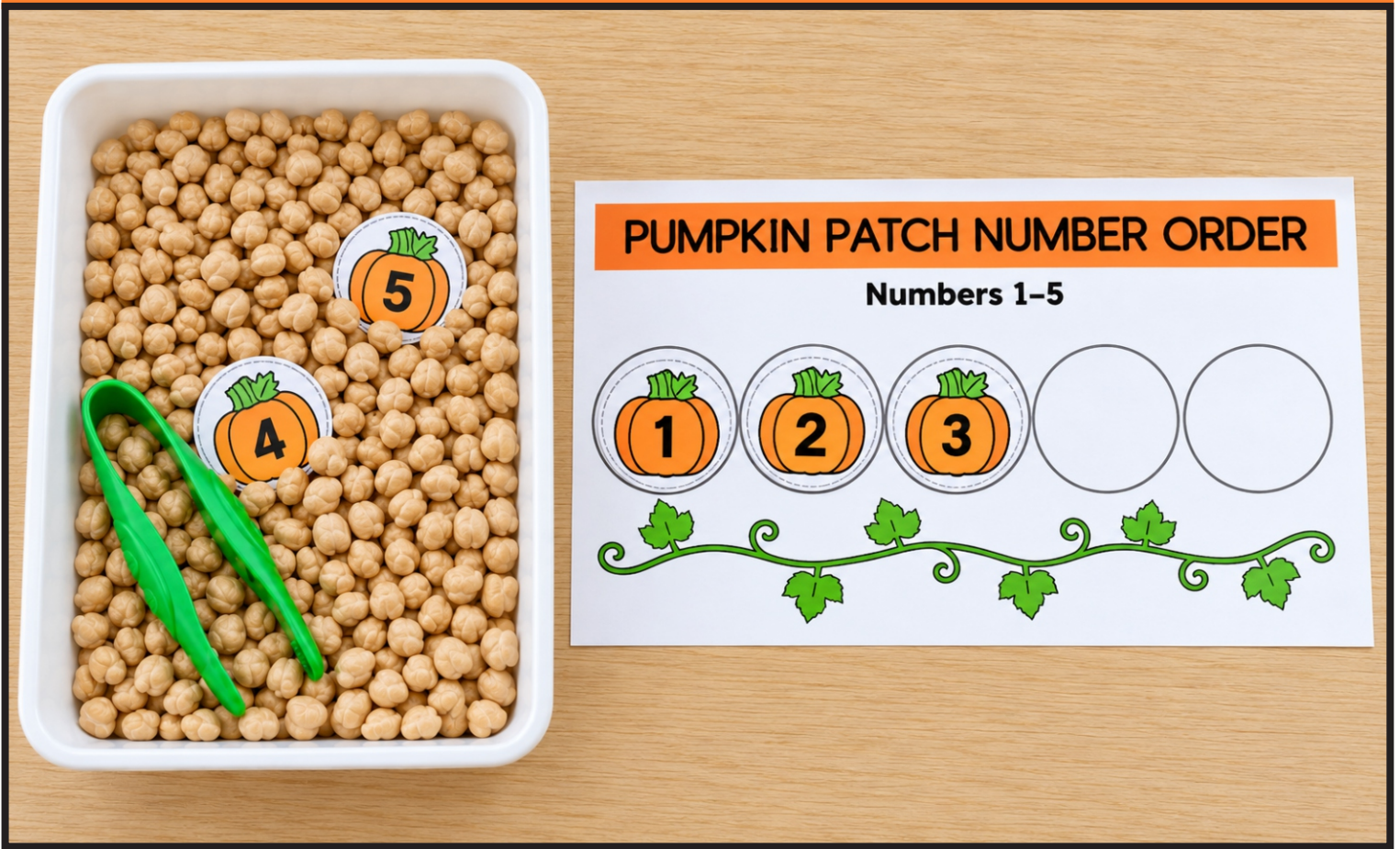
Begin with one pair and model the rhyme. For a challenge, hide all six pictures and let children find and arrange the three pairs.

LEARNING FOCUS

Rhyming • Listening skills • Oral vocabulary • Fine motor skills

PUMPKIN PATCH NUMBER ORDER

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Pumpkin Patch Number Order mats
- Numbered pumpkin circles 1–10
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut apart the mats and pumpkin circles.
2. Choose one mat. Hide its five pumpkins in the filler.
3. Place the mat beside the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Find a pumpkin and name its number.
2. Keep searching until you find all five.
3. Place the pumpkins in number order from left to right.
4. Point to each number and say the sequence to check.

DIFFERENTIATION

Begin with 1–5 and order together. Extend to 6–10. For a challenge, place both mats side by side and order all ten pumpkins.

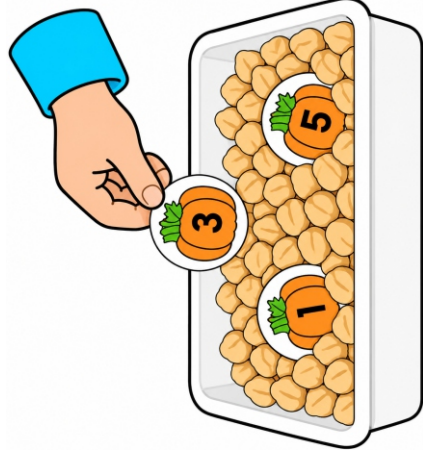
LEARNING FOCUS

Number recognition • Number order • Counting sequence • Fine motor skills

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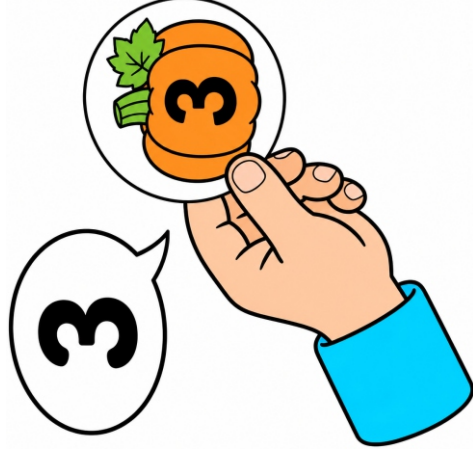
How To Play

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Find the pumpkins.

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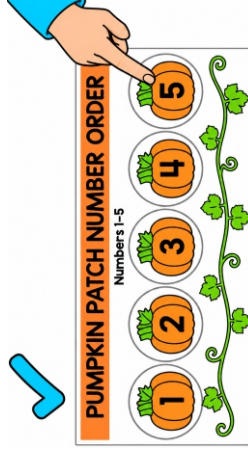
Say the numbers.

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Put them in order.

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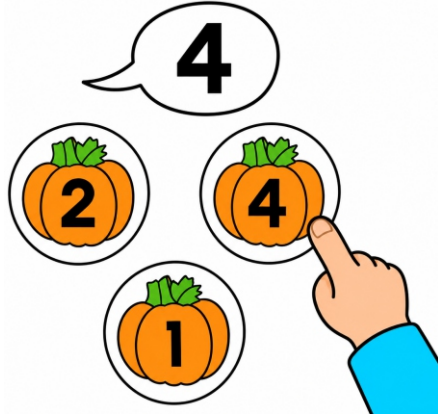


Check and
play again.

PUMPKIN PATCH NUMBER ORDER

More Ways to Play

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PICK A PUMPKIN

1. Spread out a few numbered pumpkins.
2. Listen as an adult says a number.
3. Pick that pumpkin. Say its number.

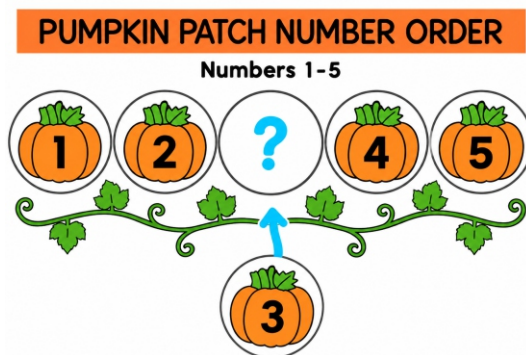
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COUNT AND CLAP

1. Choose a pumpkin. Say its number.
2. Clap that many times. Count aloud.
3. Choose another pumpkin and play again.

3



WHAT'S MISSING?

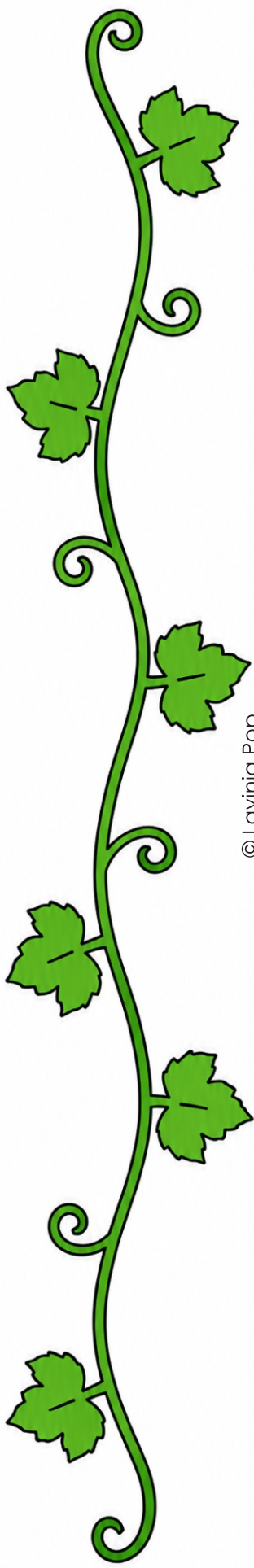
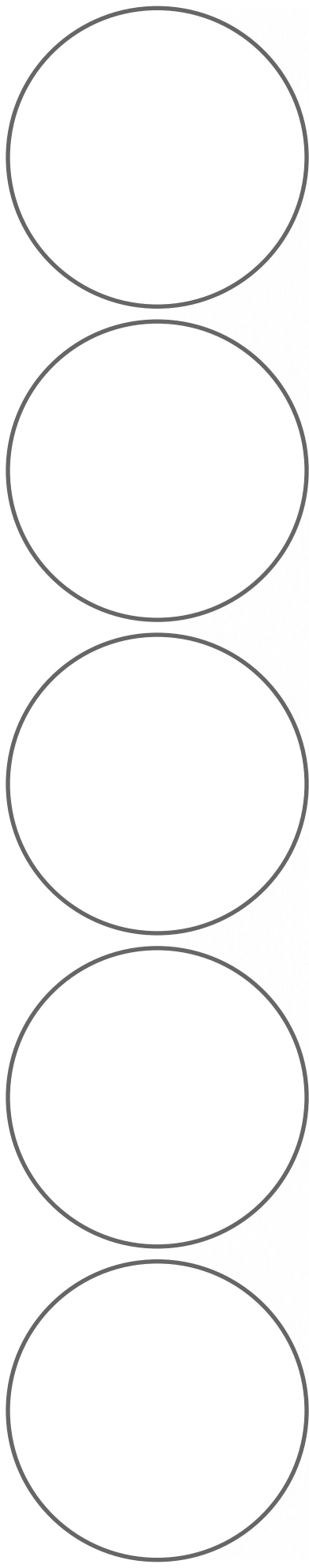
1. Put the pumpkins in order.
2. Close your eyes while an adult hides one in the bin.
3. Say the missing number. Find it and fill the space.

TEACHER TIP

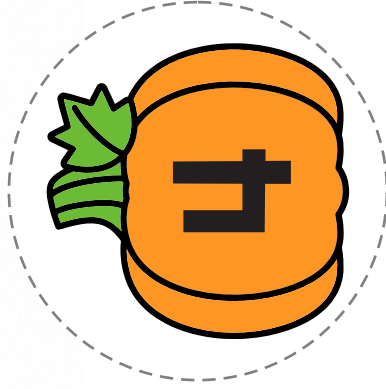
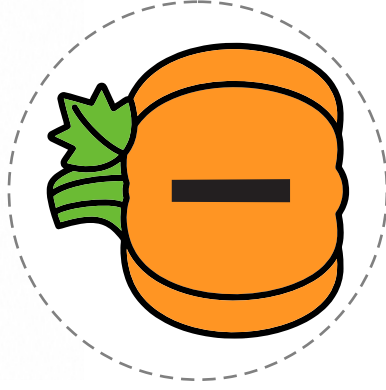
Start with 1–5, using fewer pumpkins if needed. Say the numbers together for support. Leave the gap for What's Missing? Try 6–10 when children are ready.

PUMPKIN PATCH NUMBER ORDER

Numbers 1-5



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PUMPKIN SEED COUNTING

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Pumpkin Seed Counting mat
- Number cards 1–10
- Ten seed pieces
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut out the cards and seeds.
2. Hide the seeds in the filler.
3. Place the mat and number cards beside the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose a card. Place it on the mat and name the number.
2. Find seeds. Count as you place them on the pumpkin.
3. Stop when you reach your number.
4. Count to check. Return the seeds and play again.

DIFFERENTIATION

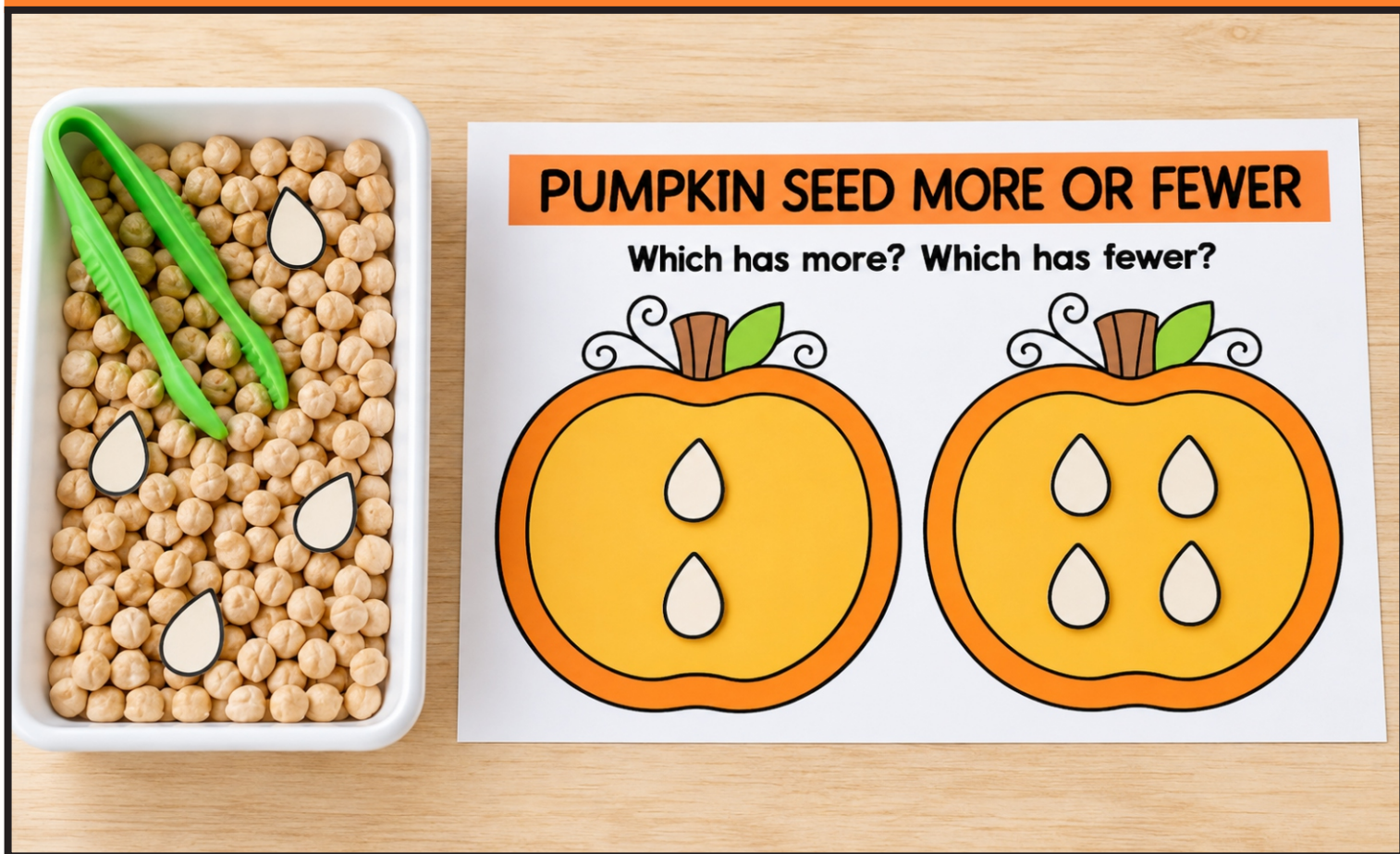
Begin with numbers 1–3 and count together. Extend to 5, then 10 as children are ready. Use tongs for an extra fine motor challenge.

LEARNING FOCUS

Number recognition • Counting • One-to-one correspondence
• Fine motor skills

PUMPKIN SEED MORE OR FEWER

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Pumpkin Seed More or Fewer mat
- 10 seed pieces
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate the mat. Use the seed pieces from Pumpkin Seed Counting.
2. Hide the seeds in the filler.
3. Place the mat beside the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Find seeds. Place 1 to 5 in each pumpkin.
2. Count the seeds in each pumpkin.
3. Ask, "Which has more? Which has fewer?" If both have the same number, say, "The same."
4. Return the seeds and play again.

DIFFERENTIATION

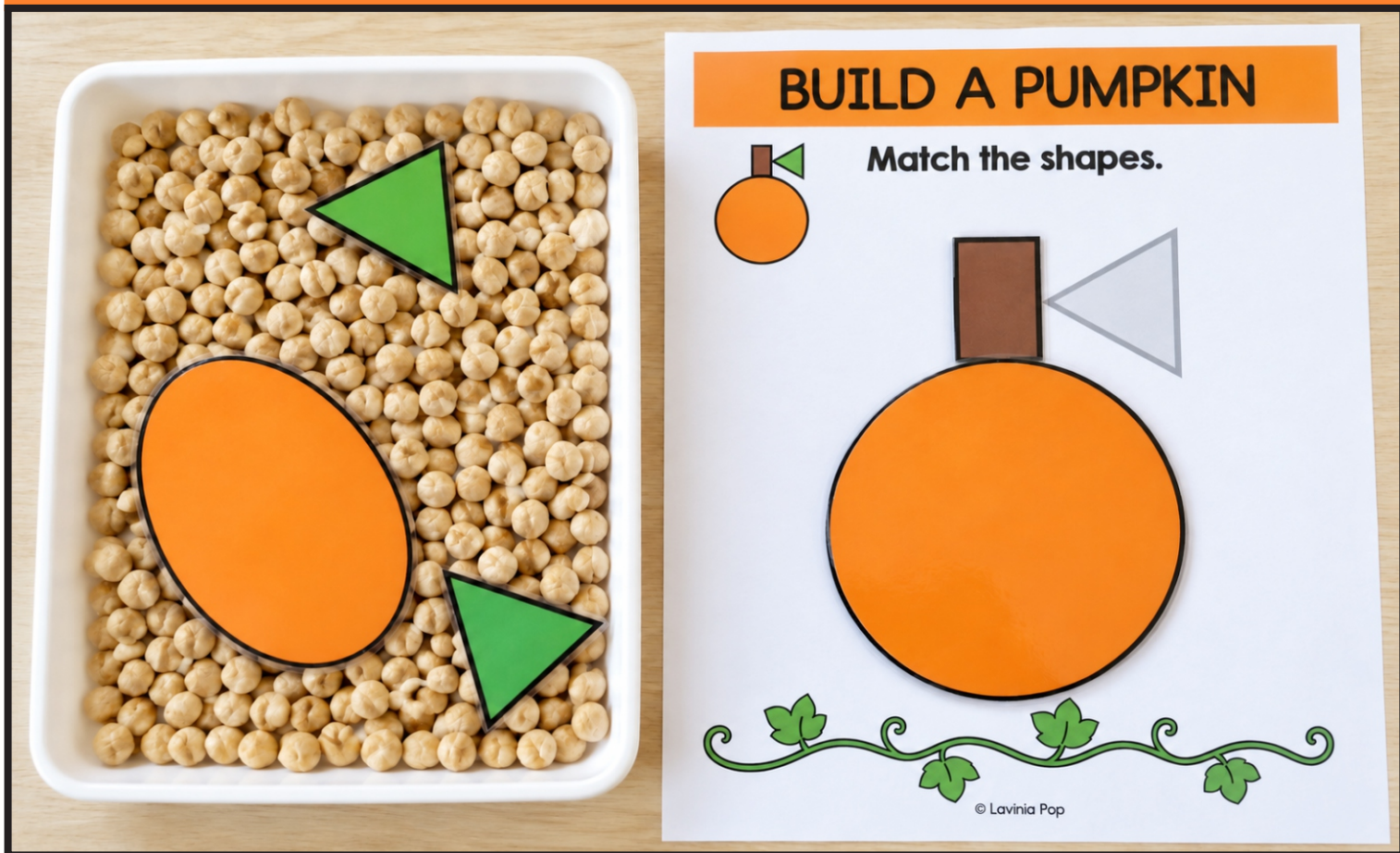
Begin with 1 seed and 3 seeds. Count together. Try closer amounts, such as 3 and 4, when children are ready. Include groups with the same number.

LEARNING FOCUS

Counting • Comparing quantities • More, fewer and the same
• Fine motor skills

BUILD A PUMPKIN

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Guided mats and blank building mat
- Pumpkin model cards
- Shape pieces
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut out the shapes and cards.
2. Place the shapes in the filler.
3. Set a mat beside the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose a guided mat.
2. Find a shape in the bin. Name it together.
3. Turn and place it on the matching shape.
4. Keep going to finish the pumpkin. Check and play again.

DIFFERENTIATION

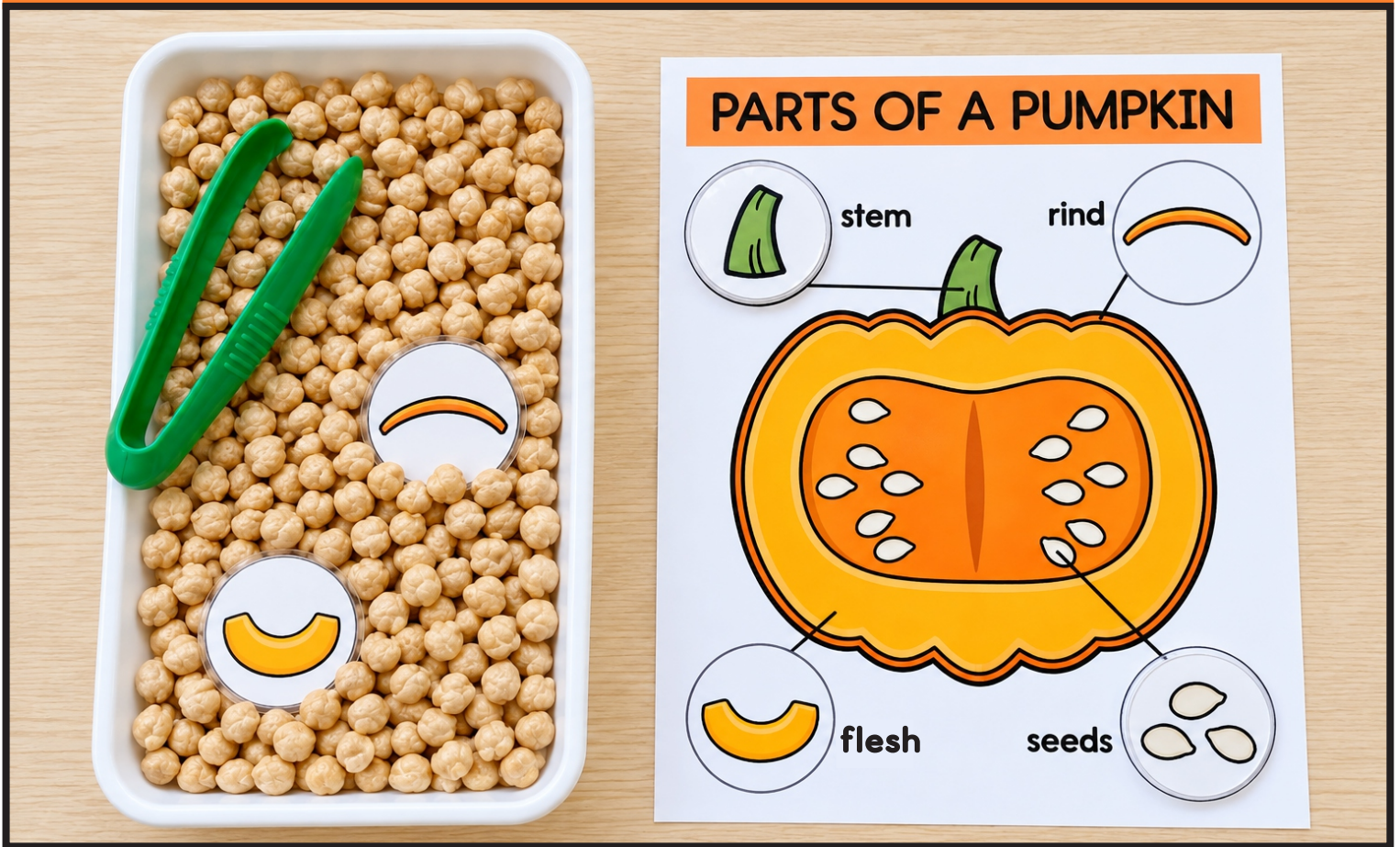
Begin with only the shapes needed for one guided mat. For a challenge, use the blank mat and copy a model card.

LEARNING FOCUS

Shape recognition • Spatial awareness • Following a model • Fine motor skills

PARTS OF A PUMPKIN

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Parts of a Pumpkin mat
- Four picture circles
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut out the picture circles.
2. Hide the circles in the filler.
3. Place the mat beside the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Find a picture circle in the bin.
2. Name the part together.
3. Match it to the picture on the mat. Follow the line to find it on the pumpkin.
4. Match all four. Check and play again.

DIFFERENTIATION

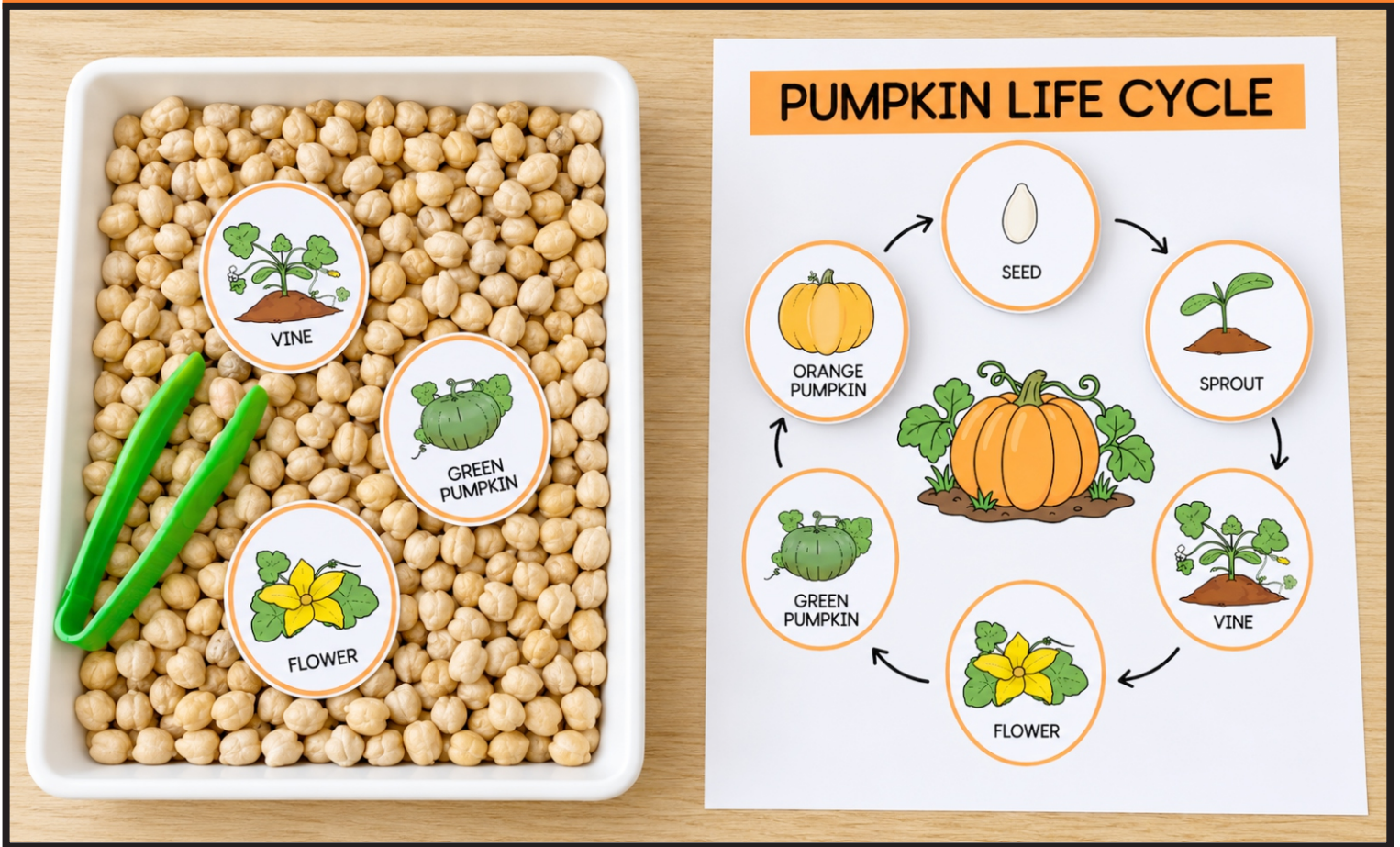
Begin with two parts and name them together. For a challenge, name each part and point to it on the pumpkin before matching.

LEARNING FOCUS

Pumpkin parts • Vocabulary • Visual matching • Fine motor skills

PUMPKIN LIFE CYCLE

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Pumpkin Life Cycle mat
- Six life cycle picture pieces
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut out the picture pieces.
2. Hide the pieces in the filler.
3. Place the mat beside the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Find a picture piece in the bin.
2. Name it together and find its match.
3. Match all six pictures.
4. Start at the seed. Follow the arrows and name each stage.

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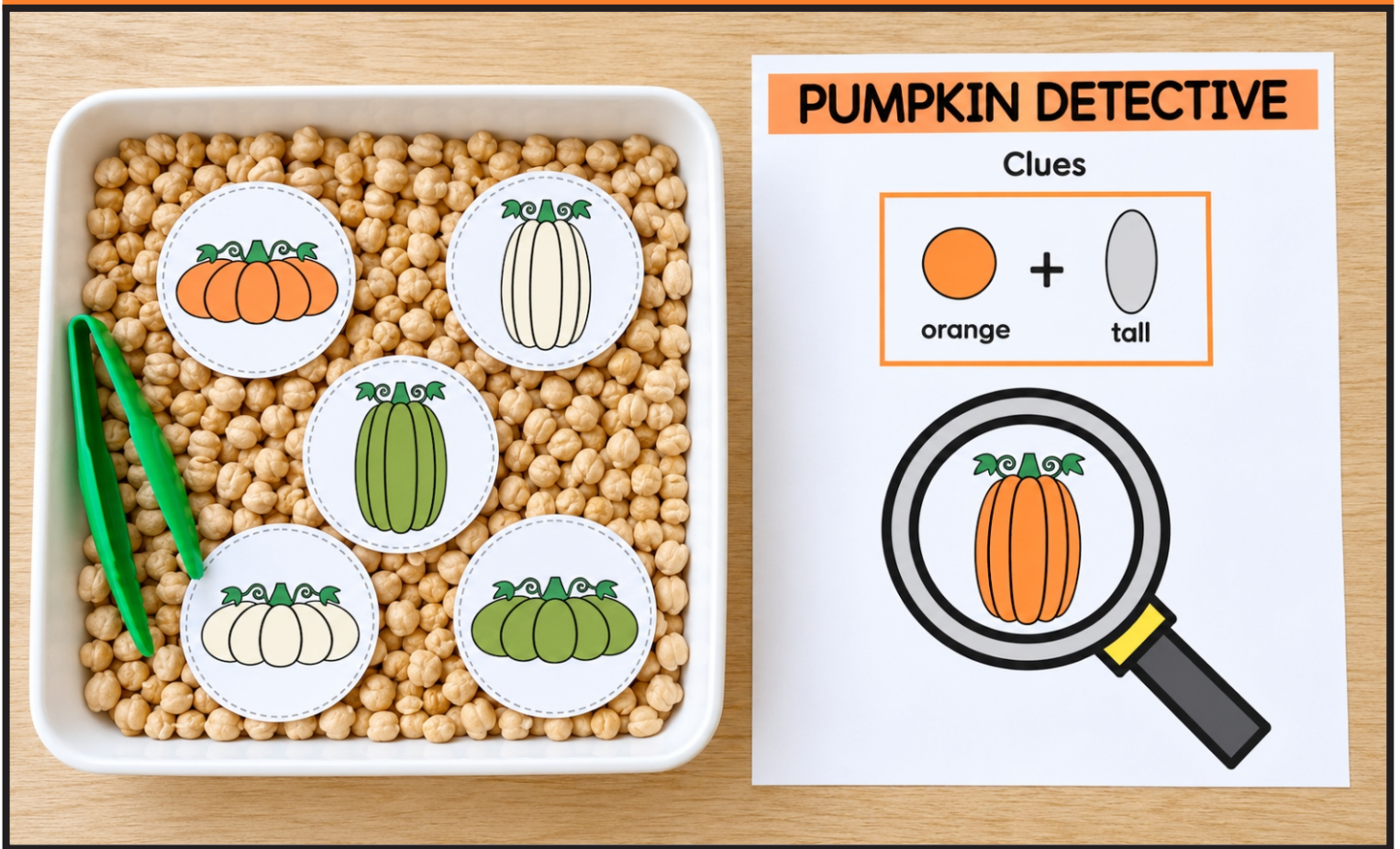
Begin with two picture choices. Name them together. For a challenge, put all six pieces in order without the mat.

LEARNING FOCUS

Life cycles • Sequencing • Vocabulary • Visual matching • Fine motor skills

PUMPKIN DETECTIVE

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Pumpkin Detective mat
- Six clue cards
- Six pumpkin circles
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut out the cards and circles.
2. Hide the pumpkin circles in the filler.
3. Place the mat and clue cards nearby.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Place a clue card on the mat.
2. Name the color and shape together.
3. Find the pumpkin that matches both clues. Place it on the magnifying glass.
4. Check both clues. Clear the mat and play again.

DIFFERENTIATION

Begin with two pumpkin choices. Help children check both clues. For a challenge, say the clues without showing the card.

LEARNING FOCUS

Visual discrimination • Following directions •
Color and shape vocabulary • Fine motor skills

PUMPKIN FEELINGS

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Pumpkin Feelings mat
- Pumpkin feelings circles
- Shallow sensory bin
- Plain dried chickpeas
- Optional tweezers or tongs

PREPARATION

1. Print and laminate. Cut out the circles.
2. Hide one set of six circles in the filler.
3. Place the mat beside the bin.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Find a pumpkin in the bin.
2. Look at its face. Name the feeling.
3. Place it below the matching face on the mat.
4. Check the match. Keep going until the mat is full.

DIFFERENTIATION

Begin with two or three feelings. Help children compare the eyes and mouths. For a challenge, ask what might make someone feel that way.

LEARNING FOCUS

Feelings vocabulary • Visual matching • Speaking and listening
• Fine motor skills