

# ***Fun Figures Match***



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## Overview:

Practice simple visual discrimination along with letter recognition in this lotto-style game.



## Assembling the game:

Make one copy each of pages 3-14, as many as desired. Cut out playing boards. Make one or more copies of pages 15-16, and cut apart for calling cards. Make one copy of page 17, if desired, to use as a calling board to keep track of cards which have been called.

*(See Game Assembly Tips, pages 18-19, for ideas to make games more durable.)*

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*Playing the game:* **Fun Figures Match**

1. Give each player a playing board from pages 3 to 14, along with a stack of markers (poker chips or torn scraps of paper work well).
2. Place shuffled calling cards face-down in a pile between players, or beside the calling board next to a single caller.
3. On each turn, the caller holds up a card and all players who have that item cover it on their boards with a marker. The caller covers the corresponding space on the calling board, to keep track of what has and has not been called.
4. -or- On each turn, one player turns over one card from the pile of calling cards, and says aloud the name of the item on it. All players with that item cover it on their boards with markers.
5. The winner is the first player to cover all nine squares on their board. If appropriate, have the winner read back (say the name of) each item on their board, for further practice and to allow the caller to verify the win.

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## Play variations:

- With a smaller group, make 2 or more copies of calling cards and have children place these directly on the matching squares on their boards instead of using markers (direct matching).
- After play, have children choose one or more letter cards and practice saying the name and sound of each letter. Then find an item that begins with that letter and place the card on it as a visual reminder.



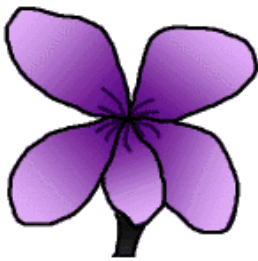
# Fun Figures Match

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# Fun Figures Match

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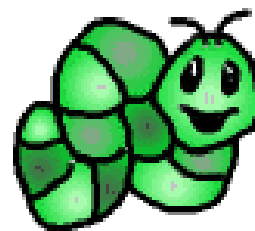
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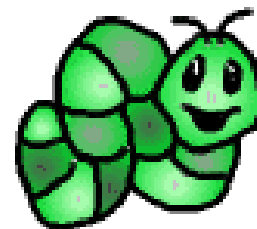


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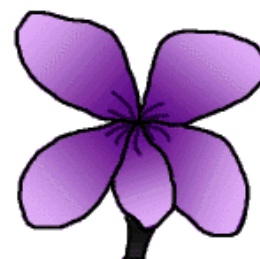
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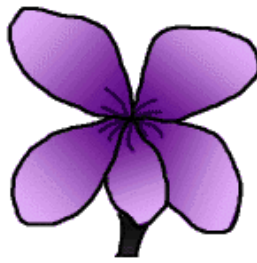


# Fun Figures Match

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# Fun Figures Match

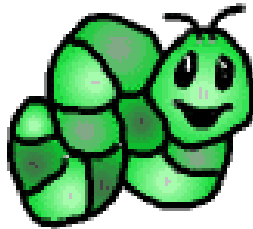
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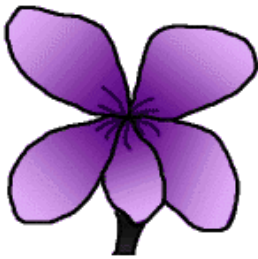
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# Fun Figures Match



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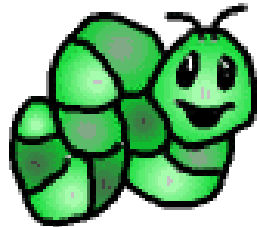
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# Fun Figures Match

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# Fun Figures Match

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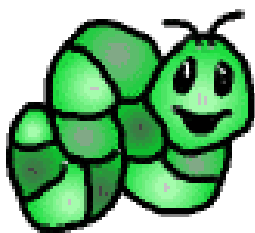
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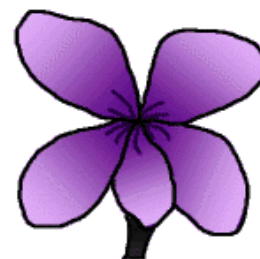
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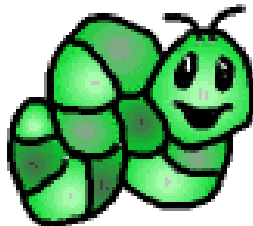
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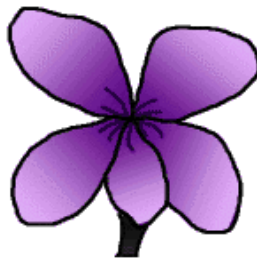
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## Fun Figures Match

			
			
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E	F	G	H
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## *Fun Figures Match*

M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X
Y	Z		





## Fun Figures Match

				
			A	B
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H	I	J	K	L
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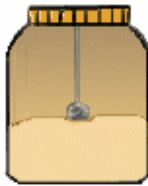
## Game Assembly Tips



### File Folder Games

File folders can be purchased in any store that sells office supplies. Plain manila folders can be used, or choose colored folders for variety. Avoid the expandable types and those with a pocket for floppy disks.

Trim the main pages of the game if needed and test how they will be placed, aligning both pages near, but not covering, the center fold.



It is highly recommended that you use **rubber cement** to glue the pages in place, as it is easy to apply and dries without wrinkling the paper. Extra smears around the edges can easily be rolled off by rubbing your finger over them. Rubber cement typically comes in a brown glass bottle and is found near other glues at most stores that sell office supplies.

For durability, the inside surface of file folder games can be covered with **clear contact paper**. Cut two pieces roughly the size of the halves of the folder and apply separately, leaving a small gap over the center fold. Trim the extras around the edges to fit the folder neatly.

Clear contact paper comes in a roll and is usually found within a display of an assortment of printed contact papers, used to line shelves. These can be found at most stores that sell houseware items and generally costs about \$6 for a 18" by 24' roll - enough to protect about a dozen games.

Most **game pieces** can be kept handy, stored right with the folder. Simply seal a long mailing envelope and cut an inch or so off the top, making an elongated pocket. Put the game pieces in the pocket, fold the top over a couple times, and use a paper clip to attach the top of the envelope to the top of one of the inside surfaces of the file folder.



**NOTE:** These tips will help the game last and keep game pieces handy. If you are short on time, most file folder games can be played after simply printing the pages and cutting out any game pieces.



## Game Assembly Tips



### Cards & Game Pieces

If possible, print cards and game pieces on **medium card stock**, which usually comes packaged like other printer papers but is thicker and stronger. Card stock can be found in most office supply stores near other specialty papers. The price per package is slightly higher than average copy paper but varies with the brand, surface finish, and seller. Card stock of up to 65 or 67 lb. weight (thickness) can be used with most printers.



Cards and game pieces can also be covered with **clear contact paper** for extra durability. Before cutting the printed sheet, cover one or both sides with the contact paper and then cut out the pieces just as you normally would. Sharp corners can be snipped off or corners rounded for added appeal and safety. See the previous page for details on clear contact paper.

### Spinners

Print and protect both pieces of a spinner just as you would for cards and game pieces, above. It is recommended that you only cover the one printed side of these pieces, to make it easier to punch a hole through them. Once the two pieces are ready, put a **metal brad** through the holes and open the “legs” out flat against the back of the spinner. If the arrow will not spin properly, adjust the fit of the brad until it is either more or less snug against the spinner surface.

Metal brads can be found in a little plastic package among displays of other small office supplies such as erasers, pencil leads, and labels.

