



Same or Different?

Choose two items from your learning environment (inside or outside). Have children look carefully at each item (e.g., two toys, or a stick and a leaf). Using measurement words, ask them how the two items are the same and how they are different.

Examples:

Two stuffed animals, a teddy bear and an elephant.

- ◆ Same: they both have short tails
- ◆ Different: bear has little ears, elephant has big ears

More Support: Narrate with math talk how the two items are the same or different.

Prompt Children to Compare Objects (Measure)

“We both have a worm! Whose worm is longer? Yes, your worm is longer than mine.”

“Is the leaf smaller or bigger than the stick?... Yes! This leaf is smaller than the stick. They are different sizes.”