

Búsqueda

Playing “Búsqueda” to practice vocabulary:

“Búsqueda” is a terrific game that keeps kids guessing as they use their newly acquired vocabulary. Keep the game simple and add complexity as your Spanish language skills grow.

To play this game, secretly select an item in the room that has the characteristics you want to practice. The first time you play, you will select a blue item and then encourage students to look for it while practicing the word *azul*.

After secretly selecting your item, begin the game by saying, “Yo veo ... ” (I see ...). Hold the blue flash card aloft to indicate the color of the item you have selected. Allow your child to use English as he or she looks, but encourage your child to say *azul* when he or she points to each blue object.

As your Spanish skills allow, you can begin to speak more Spanish phrases similar to the following:

<i>Yo veo algo azul.</i>	I spy something blue.
<i>¿Es azul?</i>	Is it blue?
<i>No, no es azul.</i>	No, it is not blue.
<i>Sí, es azul.</i>	Yes, it is blue.
<i>Eso no es la cosa que veo.</i>	This is not the thing I spy.

Extension ideas:

If you are a fluent Spanish speaker, you can name the selected objects in Spanish when your child selects the correct item.

As your child’s Spanish skills grow, you can continue to play this game with additional clues by including adjectives and prepositions into your questions. For example, you can say, “Yo veo algo grande y azul que está afuera. ¿Qué es? El lago.” (I see something large and blue that is outside. What is it? The lake.) In this example, your child might only know the word *azul* (blue). You can give clues to the other new terms by looking outside as you speak and by using hand motions to indicate *grande*.