



A set is a group of items that share a common feature – like shape, color, number of sides or category.

Example:

- Set of four shapes: circle, square, triangle, rectangle. The one that doesn't belong might be the circle because the other three shapes have straight sides.
- Set of four numbers: 2, 4, 6, 7 – the 7 might not belong because it's the only odd number

In the game below, three of the four items will share a feature and one will differ. However, there are often several ways to look at the same four pictures depending on what you notice. That means there isn't just one "right" answer.

Which One Doesn't Belong

Object of the Game

To look at a group (called a "set") of four pictures or numbers and decide which one doesn't fit with the others.

Directions

1. Explain to your child that you will both be looking at four pictures or numbers at a time.
2. Take a moment to look at all four items and decide which one doesn't belong.
3. Each of you must be ready to explain why you chose that item as not belonging.
4. Discuss other possible answers how another item could be considered different.
5. Repeat with a new set as many times as you like. (Pictures are on the following pages.)

Possible Questions

- Were you surprised that someone picked a different item than you? Why or why not?
- Would you change your answer after hearing someone else's reasoning? Why or why not?
- If no one selected a particular item, look at it together – can you find a reason it might not fit with the others?
- How will you approach this activity differently the next time?

















































