

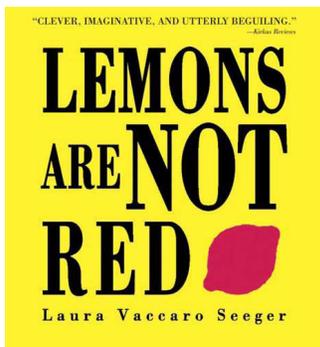
What is not?

Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Gather a collection of objects that can be sorted into "it is" and "it is not" groups, e.g. by colour ("This IS red, but this IS NOT red") or by size ("This IS tiny, but this IS NOT tiny").
- ❖ Show the child how to sort the objects into "it is" and "it is not" groups, e.g. say "This IS blue and it goes in this pile; this IS NOT blue, so it goes over here."
- ❖ Invite the child to take a turn choosing an object and putting it into the "it is" or "it is not" group.



A good read-together book



Lemons Are Not Red by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

You will need a collection of familiar objects and two containers for sorting. Choose some objects that belong in a group, and some that do not belong in that group.

This activity helps children notice how things are similar and different.

Hints for success

- ❖ Start with a simple way to sort, e.g. by colour.
- ❖ Sort into two containers to show that there are only two choices: "it is" or "it is not."
- ❖ Do one or two examples with the child. As you place each object, explain why it belongs where you put it.



Ways to say it

More ideas for What is not?

Try this way

- ❖ With younger children (ages 1-2), play the game during bath time, e.g. say "Is this your nose?" while you are washing an ear or a toe.
- ❖ With older children (ages 3 and up), play this game as you do chores around the house, e.g. "This IS fun, but this IS NOT fun," "This IS easy for me, but this IS NOT easy for me."
- ❖ Invite children to choose the objects that will be sorted.



Art and writing

Make a book about things that belong together. Cut out pictures from magazines or catalogues, and put short sentences underneath each picture, e.g.

"A _____ has wheels" but

"A _____ does NOT have wheels."

Healthy eating

At the grocery store, look for foods that "are" and "are not," e.g. "A pepper **IS** red, but a lemon **IS NOT** red."

Book link

Black? White! Day? Night! A Book of Opposites
by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

What is Pink?

What is pink? A rose is pink
By the fountain's brink.
What is red? A poppy's red
In its barley bed.
What is blue? The sky is blue
Where the clouds float through.
What is white? A swan is white
Sailing in the light.
What is yellow? Pears are yellow,
Rich and ripe and mellow.
What is green? The grass is green,
With small flowers between.
What is violet? Clouds are violet
In the summer twilight.
What is orange? Why, an orange,
Just an orange!

Christina G. Rossetti