



Primary

Focus

Sensorial

EXERCISE 01

Parent Objective

To aid your child's developmental ability to visually discriminate and to encourage greater observational acuity. This very fun exercise may be considered an extension to a number of Montessori classroom sensorial materials.

"Curiosity is an impulse to investigate. Once the child has felt the fascination of one object, he will become zealous in the conservation of all objects."

Dr. Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*



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Maria Montessori's Education of the Eye

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Materials:

Camera, printer, copy paper (There's no need to use photo paper.)

Preparation:

Choose a designated area, either inside or outside your home. Photograph close-up 8-10 items that your child sees on an almost daily basis. Make sure the images are clear and the details sharp.



Inside Examples:

Pattern segment from a chair's fabric, design on a vase, ornamentation on chair's foot or lamp base, knob on a drawer, door handle, etc.



Outside Examples:

Bark or leaf on a tree, bud on a flowering plant, chain attached to a swing, brick steps, etc.

Gauge the level of challenge to your child's age and developmental ability. Print multiple pictures (4-6) per letter-size page and cut apart.

Instructions:

1. Invite your child to a Photo Scavenger Hunt.
2. Clarify the location of the search.
3. Display the pictures of items to be located. Allow your child to independently decide his or her strategy for locating each item.
4. Resist the impulse to help. If your child becomes frustrated, suggest that he or she seek help from another family member.
5. Enjoy!