



# Early Literacy Kit :: Opposites Guide

## About This Kit

The items and activities in this kit will help your child get ready to learn about concepts that will prepare them for school. Here are some ideas to get you started and practice at home. Follow your child's lead and have fun!

## What's included:

- Board book
- Picture book
- Hands on activities
- Literacy tips
- Rhymes & songs
- Discussion topics
- DIY ideas

## Facts - Did you know?

Did you know National Opposite day is January 25th?  
Antonym is a word that means the opposite of a word.

## Activity #1: Object Comparisons

Explore the objects in the bag and separate them out into different types of opposites. Help your child identify these comparisons.



For example:

heavy vs light    hard vs soft  
small vs large



## Board Book Suggestions

- Crane Truck's Opposites by Sherri Duskey Rinker
- A Little Book About Opposites By Leo Lionni
- Opposites by Xavier Deneux
- Sumo Opposites by Sanae Ishida
- Baby Up, Baby Down by Abrams

## Picture Book Suggestions

- Double Take! A New Look at Opposites by Susan Hood
- You and Me We're Opposites by Harriet Ziefert
- Stop, Go, Yes, No! by Mike Twohy
- A World of Opposites by Gray Malin
- Marta! Big & Small by Jen Arena

## Literacy Tip #1

Use specific names for things when you talk with your child, like cat and kitten, you help your children learn new words and you help them understand differences between similar things.

## Discussion: Let's Talk About Opposites

Use these questions to help explore this concept!

- What are some opposites you see in this room?
- What can we put on top of the chair? What can we put under the chair?
- Which toy is small and which toy is big?
- What can you do with your body to illustrate opposites? \*hint open and close
- What are some opposites you can think of?
- Have your toddler perform actions, and you do the opposite. For example, if they sit down, you stand up, if they walk forward, you walk backward.

## Activity #2: Flashcards

Use the flash cards to practice identifying the different types of opposites. Ask your child what they see in the picture and why these images are paired.



## Literacy Tip #2

In order to learn, children need a lot of repetition. They need to hear words over and over again as you do things together. They love to read favorite books over and over again. It may get boring for you, but their brains need repetition to learn language.

## Songs & Rhymes

**Song: This is Big, Big, Big**

This is big, big, big,  
This is small, small, small.  
This is short, short, short,  
This is tall, tall, tall  
This is fast, fast, fast  
This is slow, slow, slow  
This is yes, yes, yes,  
This is no, no, no!

**Action Rhyme: Two Little Blackbirds**

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.  
One named Jack and one name Jill.  
Fly away Jack, Fly away Jill.  
Come back Jack, come back Jill.

Two little blackbirds sitting on a pole.  
One named Fast and one named Slow.

Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud.  
One name Quiet and one named Loud.

## Try This at Home



Explore opposites at around the house:

- Have your child turn "on" the lights then turn "off" the lights.
- Explore "high" and "low" by picking your child up.
- Examine "a lot" and "a little" at snack time, by providing examples of both.
- Play with "empty" and "full" with containers or at bath time.



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