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Teachers' Notes

Pairs

Pairs is a fun test of memory suitable for Key Stage 1 and 2 children.

Children have six pairs of pictures on 'cards' that are face down. They select two at a time that turn over to show the pictures. If the pictures match they stay face up otherwise they turn face down again. The aim is to identify all the pairs and finish with all the cards facing up.

Two options can be chosen, where either the pictures on the cards are all related to responsible dog ownership and could provide children with an opportunity to talk about caring for a dog, or they show a set of cartoon dogs that can help children's observation and recognition skills.

Skills developed include memory, observation and recognition, hand to eye co-ordination and fine motor skills (mouse control).

A stand-alone version of the game can be downloaded to use offline.

Links to the National Curriculum

PSHE & Citizenship KS1

Breadth of study

5a – Take and share responsibility, for example... by looking after pets well

ICT KS1

Breadth of study

5c – Pupils should be taught to explore a variety of ICT tools