

Big and Small

This level B nonfiction book is a good introduction to opposites. It illustrates opposites by showing similar objects that are big and small. This book is especially useful in the math and language areas of the curriculum.

High Frequency Words: big, is, small, the

Suggested Ideas and Activities

- Discuss and record corresponding things that are big and small
- Make a class book or individual books about things that are big and small
- Sort objects by size using sorting circles
- Make a T-chart of objects that are big and small
- Discuss advantages of being big and/or small
- Participate in activities that require both big and small movements
- Introduce opposites and record different ones children know
- Discover synonyms for big and small
- Respond creatively to opposing sounds and music (fast, slow, loud, soft)
- Explore a variety of materials to create art forms using opposing elements
- Make a collage of opposites
- Play concentration card game matching opposites

Suggested Readings

Opposites by Sonja Dunn from Math Chants (Curriculum Plus)

Big and Little by Diane Nicka

Big and Small: An Animal Opposites Book by Lisa Bullard

Rough Bumpy or Smooth by Jan Wells: A Porcupine Book (Curriculum Plus)

Big and Little by Steve Jenkins

Olivia's Book of Opposites by Ian Falconer