

# Happy Kids at home!

## Puzzling

For this activity you will need:

Children's jigsaws

Understanding shape and size is something that you do when you park a car or try to fit groceries into a bag. While shapes and sizes are usually associated with mathematics, they are also important when it comes to literacy.

Children have to be able to recognise different shapes of letters and eventually link them to sounds. There are plenty of activities that you can do at home with all ages of children to help them enjoy and discover shape and size.

### Step 1

It may seem strange, but the traditional jigsaw puzzle is great for helping your child to learn about shapes and sizes. Start by choosing a jigsaw that will probably be too easy for your child. This way your child will be successful and so be keen to try more challenging jigsaws later.

### Step 2

Guide your child only if needed as they will learn more by doing the thinking and the trying. Congratulate your child when they have finished.

### Step 3

Over time, look for jigsaw puzzles with more pieces. Start to teach your child to start with the corners and also to refer to the picture.



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## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. It promotes teaching and learning through play to make sure all children have the skills they need for future life. There are 3 Prime Areas of Learning and 5 Specific Areas. We follow this in Preschool Nursery and you can do activities at home to help your child learning. This activities will cover many areas of the EYFS but are planned specifically to cover these areas below.

### Specific Area

Literacy

There is a link between jigsaws and learning to read. This is because letters are shapes.

### Specific Area

Mathematics

Your child is learning to use shapes in order to solve problems.