

6 by 6 Books to Go

Johnson County Library

Kit theme: **OPPOSITES**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Opposites** by Sandra Boynton
 2. **Hippopposites** by Janik Coat
 3. **Drive: A Look at Roadside Opposites** by Kellen Hatanaka
 4. **Exactly the Opposite** by Tana Hoban
 5. **Black? White! Day? Night!** by Laura Vaccaro Seager
- DVD: **Elmo's World: Opposites**
- CD Audio: **Outdoor Opposites** by Brenda Williams



Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Hello, My Name is Bob by Linas Alsenas
Pomelo's Opposites by Ramona Badescu
Polar Opposites by Erik Brooks
Maisy Big, Maisy Small by Lucy Cousins
A Garden of Opposites by Nancy Davis
Big Dog... Little Dog by P.D. Eastman
Dot by Patricia Intrigo
The Hueys in What's the Opposite? by Oliver Jeffers
Daytime Nighttime by William Low
Good News, Bad News by Jeff Mack
Quiet Bunny & Noisy Puppy by Lisa McCue
The Story Starts Here by Caroline Merola
Big and Little by Margaret Miller
Opposites by Ingrid Schubert
Alex and Lulu, Two of a Kind by Lorena Siminovich
Quiet Koala, Noisy Monkey by Liesbet Slegers
What's Up, Bear? by Frieda Wishinsky

See the back for activities to help children with these 6 by 6 *Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

Have Fun With Books
Notice Print
Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories
Look for Letters
Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas – Opposites

In and Out. Draw a circle on a piece of paper. Ask your child to place cotton balls or small blocks in the circle and outside the circle. Since basic shapes are the foundation of alphabet letters, try this activity with a variety of shapes to begin developing letter knowledge.

Teach Opposites through Movement. Set up a course that uses opposite actions right after each other. Encourage children to say what they are doing as they do it. Go **OVER** the rope, then **UNDER** the chair. Take a **BIG** step, then take a **SMALL** step. Jump up **HIGH**, crouch down **LOW**. Raise your **RIGHT** hand, then your **LEFT**.

Sorting Game. Using the list of opposite pairs below, encourage your child to find opposites in book illustrations or magazine photos. You can even make this an in-the-car activity by looking for opposites while you drive or wait at stoplights.

soft/hard	smooth/rough	heavy/light	loud/quiet	long/short
big/small	clean/dirty	empty/full	front/back	good/bad
fast/slow	more/less	near/far	high/low	hot/cold
young/old	happy/sad	wet/dry	sweet/sour	tall/short
top/bottom	up/down	over/under	sink/float	in/out
old/new	on/off	day/night	girl/boy	white/black
winter/summer	light/dark	left/right	right/wrong	open/closed
awake/asleep	brave/scared	laugh/cry		

This Is Big

This is big, big, big. (Stretch hands far to side)
This is small, small, small. (Brings hands together)
This is short, short, short. (Palms close, horizontally)
This is tall, tall, tall. (Palms far apart, horizontally)
This is fast, fast, fast. (roll hands quickly)
This is slow, slow, slow. (roll hands slowly)
This is yes, yes, yes. (nod)
This is no, no, no! (shake head)

I'm Tall And Small

I'm very, very tall. (Stretch arms up; voice ascends)
I'm very, very small. (Squat down; voice descends)
Tall (Stretch up again; high note)
Small (Squat down again; low note)
Now I'm a little ball. (Curl up in ball)

Slowly/Quickly

Clap, clap, clap your hands
As quickly as you can!
Clap, clap, clap your hands
As slowly as you can!
(repeat with shake, roll, rub, wave, wiggle, etc.)

Tall as a Tree

Tall as a tree (raise arms high)
Big as a house (spread arms wide)
Thin as a pin (arms to your side)
Little as a mouse (squat down as small as possible)

You'll find a printable copy of this activity sheet by searching for this kit in our Library's web catalog.