

## Attribute Hunt

**Materials:** any collections of objects, like old keys or buttons you have around the house, a set of bowls, scratch paper and a pencil or pen

1. Talk to your child about the definition of the word “attribute,” or a common trait of objects in a set. You might ask what different members of your family have in common. Those are attributes.

Working with attributes.

Put a set of objects on the table and ask your child what is “alike” about them. “Why did you pick them?” An attribute is a part of the object that helps describe the object. Now make a collection of household objects that are “the same” in some way. Keep mentioning the word attributes.

Collect objects that have the same color, shape, size or job, if you use tools. You can treat it like a scavenger hunt. “Can you think of 5 yellow objects in the house?” “Can you think of 4 different kinds of things we open in the house?”

2. Get a bag of buttons, old keys, shells or any collection in your house. Put several bowls on the table and have your child place the objects in the bowls that have like attributes. Have your child write the number that tells how many.