

PLAYING CARD SORTING ACTIVITY

PURPOSE

- * Practice visual discrimination skills
- * Practice new ways of using familiar objects

MATERIALS

- * Small plastic storage container
- * Several decks of poker playing cards (need not be complete)
- * Surface where cards can be laid out
- * Template depicting the four suits / the four colors / the twelve types of cards

SET-UP

1. Make the cards available on the chosen surface
2. If a template is required, place template on the surface, face up

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Show the cards to the resident and describe each suit
2. Show the resident what you want him/her to do with the cards
 - A. Take one card from the deck
 - B. Place the card on the appropriate suit template
 - D. Draw another card and do the same
 - E. Explain that each card must be placed in the appropriate stack

DOWNWARD EXTENSION

- * Ask the resident to sort by color

UPWARD EXTENSION

* Ask resident to sort by value; a template is available

PROBLEMS AND EXTENSIONS

P; Resident becomes confused between suits and colors and begins to mix and match.

S; Provide the template for guidance

P; The resident has a difficult time distinguishing between the two red suits and the two black suits

S; Vision difficulties may make this task impractical. Ask the resident to sort by color instead of suit.

S; Provide the over-size deck of cards for easier viewing

P; Resident appears to become bored or to stop often

S; Divide the card into smaller decks and ask the resident to do only one small deck