

ProductivePete.com Parent Question & Prompts Cheat Sheet for Button Stringing – Valentine’s Theme

Colors:

- "What color are we using to string today?"
- "What else can you see in the house that is red?"
- "Can you find 3 other things in this room that are red?"
- "Do you know any fruits that are red?"
- "What colors do we mix to make red?"
- "Which buttons are a darker shade of red?"
- "Which buttons are lighter?"

Shapes:

- "What shape are these buttons?"
- "What else can you see around you that is a circle?"
- "Can you find 3 circles in this room?"
- "Which one is the smallest button?"
- "Which one is the biggest button?"
- "Can you put the shapes in a line by size? Smallest to Biggest?"
- "Let's try to string the shapes by size - biggest to smallest!"

Numbers:

- "How many buttons do we have to string?"
- "Let's count the buttons and see how many we have!"
- "Will you hand me only 5(10,15, etc.) buttons?"
- "How many buttons did you string so far?"
- "How many buttons do you think it will take to fill up the pipe cleaner?"

Patterns:

- "Can you find 2 light red buttons? And two dark red buttons?"
- "Look we can make a pattern with them! (ABAB = Dark, Light, Dark, Light)."
- "Can you try and string the buttons Dark, Light, Dark, Light?"
- "We can do this pattern by size too! (ABAB = Small, Big, Small, Big)."
- "Can you string the buttons going small, big, small, big?"
- Another great pattern for toddlers and preschoolers is AABBAABB (small, small, big, big, small, small, big, big). Use the above questions for this pattern too. Or making up your own patterns as your child becomes more confident with them is fun too!

Creative:

- "What else could we do with our buttons?"
- "Can you stack the buttons?"
- "Can you make a rainbow, heart, big circle, etc. with all of the buttons?"
- "Can you balance the buttons on your fingers?"
- Use buttons for addition & subtraction! "We have two buttons here, and two buttons over here. If we added them up, how many buttons would we have total?" Help you child pick out 4 buttons and place to left of sets of two.

Thanks so much for checking out ProductivePete.com! Hopefully you and your child have a great time stringing and learning!