

Touching and understanding Tactual language



Activity: Naming tangible materials in a tactile lotto game

You can create your own tactile lotto by gluing smooth, rough, soft, hard, ribbed or bubbled material on wooden or carton boards. You can also buy tactile lotto at elmoverlagshop.de under the name "Fühlmemory".

Set-up of the activity

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- Give the client small boards (at least 8 x 8 cm) with tangible surfaces, such as smooth, rough, soft, hard, ribbed or bubbled.
- Name the surfaces.

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- Give the client several boards or round pieces from a tactile lotto game and state how the surfaces feel.
- Let the client match identical surfaces.
- Give the client more boards and name the surfaces.
- Ask the client to state what he feels.
- If possible, play a game of lotto. Use a set with a board that has two textures.

Points for observation and focus

- Observe the touch strategy of the client.
- Check whether the client uses two hands to compare the boards.
- Observe the touch sensitivity of the client. How refined is the client's ability to differentiate?
- Check whether the client recognises textures that he has felt.
- Check whether the client can describe different textures.

Alternative materials

- Balls with various characteristics: lines, spikes, smooth or rough
- Bread spreads: smooth, sticky or granular
- Shells: smooth, ribbed, twisted or rough

Can also be used in the categories

- Touch sensitivity (TST)
- Touch strategy (TS)