

**CAREGIVER CONNECTION CARD**

Young Audiences of Louisiana   
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**Opposites Attract**

Word Relationships

Understanding the concept of opposites is important because it helps children to learn how to compare two different things and to develop a more concrete understanding of a specific concept (e.g. hard vs soft). Learning opposites also improves children’s math skills, descriptive language skills, and their higher order thinking skills. Children learn best through play. Try incorporating games that will give your child a hands-on understanding of the words and make the idea more real.

**Tips to Connect**

Ask your preschooler to perform a specific action and you do the opposite. For example: if she sits down, you stand up, or if she walks forward, you walk backward.



**MAIN PROP**

Pop Tube

**ALTERNATIVE PROP**

**Puzzles**

Putting together simple puzzles will teach children to identify and describe objects that are the “same” or “different”, while also helping them understand that a whole object can be separated into parts.

**Open, and Shut Them**

*Open and shut them,  
 Open and shut them  
 Give a little clap, clap, clap  
 Open and shut them,  
 Open and shut them,  
 Put them in your lap, lap, lap*

Now try with opposites:

*Big and small,  
 Big and small  
 Big, big, big, big,  
 Small, small, small  
 Big and small,  
 Big and small  
 Big, big, big, big,  
 Small, small, small*