

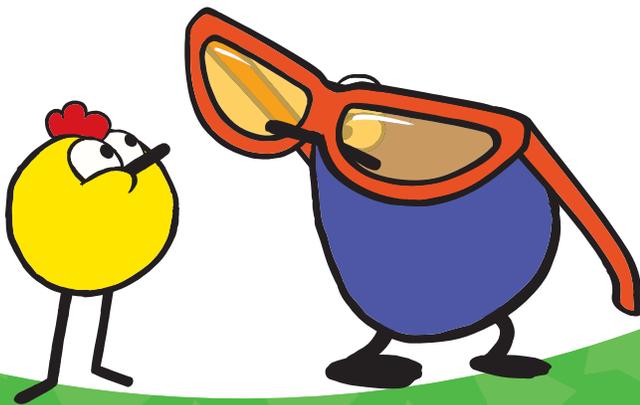
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- **Rose-colored world.** Use the same viewing tube, but this time cover the end with colored cellophane. What is different this time?
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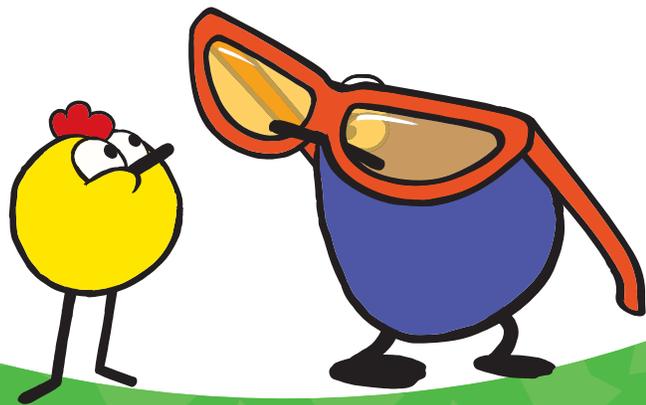
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- **“What else do you see?”** This time take the tube away. Looking a second time at the same place will yield new answers.

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Today we explored our sense of sight. Try playing “I Spy” on the way home. Say, “I spy with my little eye,” and then give some description of the object, such as “something red,” “something square,” or “something small.” Let your child guess what you are “spying.”

Brain-Building Connection:

The brain looks for patterns to make meaning and is constantly looking for similarities in our environment. We are more likely to remember it if we’ve seen it before. Ask children, “Remember last week at the park when we saw a black and white dog?”

Read All About It:

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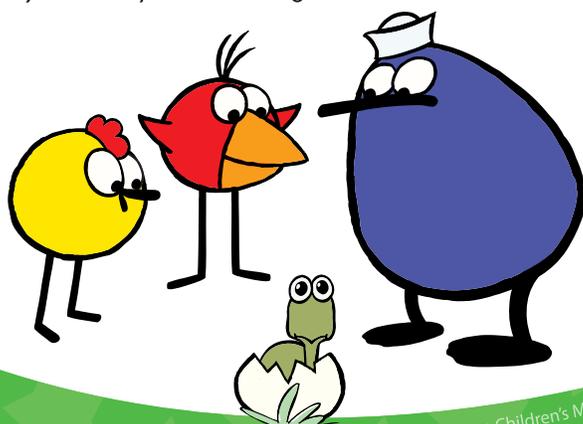
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