



Year of the Dog

HIDDEN SMELLS

A dog's sense of smell is around 10,000 times better than a human's! This simple activity tests your sense of smell as you hunt for scents around a room.



You'll need

4 paper cups
4 cotton wool balls
4 foods with a strong smell or flavoured essences, eg, vanilla extract, peppermint extract, garlic, ginger
Kitchen foil



Instructions

Place either a cotton wool ball and flavored essence or a food with a strong smell into each cup.

Hide the cups one at a time around a room and ask a friend to try to find them.

If it's too easy, cover the cups with foil and try again.



Why does it work?

Things that smell give off tiny smell particles that float around the air. You smell these when they reach your nose! Dogs have superpowered smelling power partly because they have cold, wet noses that the smell particles can attach to more easily than a warm, dry nose!

