

Matching Spike Game

Hedgehogs don't get enough credit for how smart they are. For a long time scientists just assumed they weren't very smart! But it turns out they were wrong. Hedgehogs are able to memorise things and remember them even after they have hibernated. They can remember shapes, and some even respond to names or calls.

Want to test how good your memory is? Play the Spike matching game.

How to play?

This can be played alone or with other players by taking turns.

1. Print and cut out the Spike matching cards on the next page.
2. Place them upside down
3. Each turn you can flip two cards. If you match them you leave them facing up.
4. The game ends when all the card have been matched.

Want to make it harder?

Why not add a timer and see how many you can match in 2 minutes.



FUN FACTS!

Why is Spike covered in leaves? That's because hedgehogs love to rest in damp, dark places, like leaf and log piles or even compost. Their colour allows them to blend into these spaces so well it can be difficult to spot them. Hedgehogs are mostly a nocturnal species. That means they like to sleep during the day and are active during the night. So before you disturb a leaf or log pile think twice - there may be a sleeping hedgehog in there.



