

UNDERSTANDING EYEGLASSES: Explore visual and other aids

Age Range: 3–5

Skills/Subjects
- Appreciating & Understanding Diversity
- Science & Health

Materials
- assorted items to examine, such as paper and markers
- magnifying glass
- picture of someone wearing eyeglasses

Directions
Help your children develop an understanding of visual and other aids.

1. **Discuss eyeglasses:** Show your children a picture of someone wearing eyeglasses (like Arthur!). Talk about why people wear glasses. Do children in the class wear glasses? Write down your children's comments on a large sheet of paper.

2. **Observe:** Have children examine leaves, feathers, and newspapers with magnifying lenses. Encourage them to describe in detail what they see.

3. **Discuss other aids:** Find out what your children already know about using other aids, such as hearing aids and wheelchairs. Add their comments to your list. Contribute additional information, and help dispel any stereotypes or misunderstandings they may have.

Talk About It
Explain to your children that Arthur and his friends all have things that make them different from one another. Wearing glasses is one of the things that makes Arthur unique. Ask: *What things do you think distinguish you from others?*

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