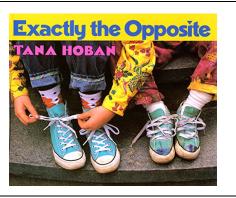
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Exactly the Opposite by Tana Hoban



Brilliant photographs present a world of possible opposites- open-ended and thought-provoking, as one expects from Tana Hoban's camera. Are the hands open and closed, or are they left and right? You decide. Is the hammock empty and full or near and far? There is no one answer, but there are many opposites to think about, talk about, and discover.

- Things can be different in more than one way. For each set of pictures, talk with your child about how they are opposites.
- After reading the story, act out opposites! Choose some opposites from the book or make up your own. You can act out one opposite and your child either has to guess what the opposite is or act it out. This is not only exposing your child to language, but getting the meaning of these words into their bodies! As your child gets the hang of it, let your child be the first to act out a word and you have to guess and act out the opposite.