

# BABY PLAY TOWN Montessori

The six game cards can be used as jumbo flashcards showing locations typically found in a busy city and featuring lots of visible details as well as an assortment of hidden ones, under the pull-out pieces.



## SKILLS

Learn about the city and wider world  
 Recognising places in the community  
 Identifying roles and jobs  
 Developing a sense of citizenship

## FIRST CITY DISCOVERIES

Open the box along with the children and show them the six city cards, ask them to piece them together into a horizontal rectangle. Pick them up, one at a time, and say out loud what they are: school, home, airport, police station, fire station, hospital, park. Ask the children to repeat the names after you.





## **INTERNALIZING INFORMATION WITH THE THREE-PERIOD METHOD**

Once you have showed the cards to the children and said the names of the places and various subjects out loud, see if they recognize the places by asking: "Where's the school? Give it to me!", "Where's the hospital? Give it to me!"; "Where are the children in the classroom?"

You can wrap up the activity by asking the children to remember the names or details of each place by pointing to them and asking the following questions: "What is this place called? Who is this man? What are these animals called?". This will help them to internalize the information and complete the three-period learning process advocated by Maria Montessori:

in the first period, children are introduced to the material and hear the names of the subjects presented for the first time; in the second period, called "recognition", the educator helps the child to recognize the things he or she is already be able to distinguish. The third period is to consolidate learning and verify the child remembers what they learned.

