



# Braille Bites

## Magic Bag

### Introduction

Welcome to Braille Bites, the series where we explore bite-sized ideas and activity recipes to build early braille literacy skills. Magic Bag is a simple and fun activity that encourages tactile discrimination and exploration while emphasizing the use of touch. This is a great activity for getting a sense of those developing tactile skills and can be adjusted depending on your child's preferences.

[Check out the video that accompanies this resource on the PRCVI website!](#)

### Key ingredients

- A bag (fabric or paper) where the contents of the bag cannot be seen.
- Sets of objects with identical shapes and textures. For example:
  - Large pom-poms (all the same size and shape)
  - Large plastic beads (all the same size and shape)
  - Dried beans
  - Coffee beans

### Mixing it together

- Pick a set of objects that are easy to discriminate – for example, soft pom-poms and hard beads.
- Add a handful of each object to the bag.

### Topping off the recipe

- Have your child reach into the bag and remove one object.
- Talk about how the object feels – hard or soft, rough or smooth, and so on.
- Have your child reach into the bag and find an object that is exactly the same.
- Have your child reach into the bag and find an object that is different.
- Try adding more challenging objects to discriminate. For example, a bag with dried red kidney beans and wooden beads.

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- Try adding uneven numbers of objects from each set to discriminate to make the activity more challenging. For example, three buttons in a bag filled with dried red kidney beans.

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