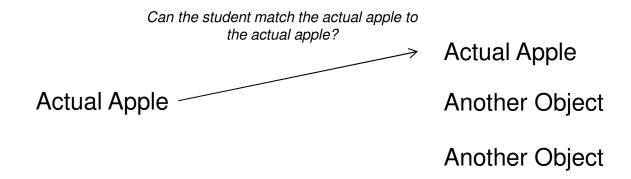


1 Object to Object Matching

To assess what level of visual representation a child understands, we begin by asking a child to match/sort identical stimuli – for example, identical objects of a noun item. This level of performance indicates that the child is at a perceptual level (i.e., involving perception especially in relation to immediate sensory experience) and is encoding stimuli only in terms of perceptual characteristics such as color and shape. There is little or no linguistic/cognitive basis attached to the stimuli.



Note: Monarch's Visual Representation Assessment, which was developed with Dr. Howard Shane from Boston's Children's Hospital, and is administered by Monarch Speech/Language Pathologists, is significantly more structured and involved than the scenario above. This is merely presented for illustrative purposes, to give you a high-level understanding.