



## The Egg Game



### Materials Needed:

- 1 hollow, plastic egg that opens and closes per child +1
- 1 small animal or a small picture of an animal per child +1  
(the animals should be reptiles, birds and mammals so that some of the animals would hatch from eggs, some would not)

### Getting Ready:

1. Put one toy or picture inside each plastic egg.
2. Setting aside one egg for yourself, hide the other eggs around the classroom.

### Game:

1. Review the ways that different animals are born, emphasizing if they hatch from eggs or not.
2. Have an "egg hunt." Each child finds one egg.
3. When the children have gathered after the hunt, hold up your plastic egg. Ask the children what might be inside. Shake the egg. Is there a sound? Say something like, "Tap, tap the egg cracked" and then open the egg.
4. Have all the children say "Tap, tap the egg cracked" and open their eggs. Collect the egg shells as they are discovering their hatched babies.
5. Have each child tell if his or her animal would really have hatched from an egg.
6. Sort the animals in 2 groups - eggs and not eggs.
7. If you would like, further sort the animals into reptiles, birds and mammals.

