

Sort it Out

Sorting and classifying things by one or more traits - something they have in common is important to later math skills.



Tools / Materials:

Save an egg carton or use cups.
Collection of objects from around the house.

Steps to Take:

Steps detailed below



AT HOME

If you have 3 minutes

- Make a game of sorting objects around the house-coins, silverware, socks, noodles.
- While cleaning up, talk to your child about placing items in the containers where they belong.
- Use an empty egg carton to sort different snacks like raisins, cheerios, pretzels.
- Have your child help you sort items for recycling- cans, glass, paper, plastic.
- Collect pictures of items in the same group - like fruits, animals, clothes, flowers. Use baggies or envelopes to sort the items into groups. Label the baggies/envelopes.
- In the bath, have your child sort items that sink or float- use plastic cups, bottles and toys.

Words to Know:

Same	different	sort	match	some	all
part	pair	set	category		



ON THE GO

If you have 3 minutes

- Match sounds to what they came from - like a horn to a car, a bark to a dog, a chirp to a bird.
- Play "All the Same Game" Use an empty egg carton filling it with items such as leaves, rocks, sticks. Have your child put all the same items into a section of the carton.

Possible Observations:

Matches items that are the same; points out items that are different; names groups of objects by category; sorts objects into groups

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