



Activity:
Toy Explorer!



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Toddlers



Indoors



Activity

Put on your explorer hats and explore the toys you have with your child!

- Lay out a range of different toys on a flat surface, like a table or floor. Explore the features of the toys. Which toys are similar? Which have wheels? Which have no wheels? Which have fur? Which are smooth? Which are big/small?
- Ask your child for some words to describe the toys (big, small; furry, smooth; new, old; red, green etc.). Write the words on the paper and then tape each sign onto a different basket or box.
- Invite your child to sort the toys into the baskets or boxes. Ask your child why they put a toy in a particular basket or box.

Have Fun!

This will help your child

This activity supports the development of your child's mathematical knowledge, in particular the early number concepts of classifying and sorting.

Key words to use

Sort, same, different, group, belong, size (big, small), colour (red, green etc.), how many?

Questions to ask

- > How many toys are in this basket?
- > Which is your favourite type of toy?
- > What other types of toys do we have?
- > Would they belong to any of these groups?
- > What else could we sort?

Resources

A range of different toys

Paper to create signs

Felt-tip pens

Sticky-tape

A range of baskets or boxes to sort toys into

