

Let me sort it! (2-3 years)

You will need: (examples)

- Seashells
- Natural foliage
- Socks
- Cars
- Dinosaurs

The Activity:

- Layout your collection of items.
- Ask your toddler to tell you what they notice about each one, for examples, size, shape, colour, texture. This offers an opportunity to look at the items in many ways.
- Discuss which ones you think have similar features and group these together.

Extending the activity:

Use the categories you have come up with to sort objects into groups on plates or your patio tiles:

- By colour
- By shape
- By size
- By texture
- Any other feature you have noticed

Keeping Everyone Safe

discourage children from putting the items into their mouth.



Healthy Hearts
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Words to introduce during the activity to support language development

Smaller	Round	Bumpy
Smallest	Curved	Texture
Bigger	ROUGH	Touch
Biggest	Smooth	Feel

TOP TIP:

Think about your child's interest, they are more likely to enjoy a sorting activity with objects they are interested in.



How this supports your child's learning:

This allows children to explore differences in items through a sensory approach. Children will start to compare and differentiate the properties of items.

Take the activity further by putting random items in different sections and then try to find something that links all of those items together. Finding it difficult, get your child to switch it to another group and justify their choice of placement.

