SORT IN THE BOX

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you are what you play!

A note for Parents & Educators

The idea of this interactive sorting box is to teach sorting and classification skills. Categorization is a basic language process and it also develops children's thinking skills.

Categorizing objects according to their shape promotes form constancy i.e. ability to identify that a shape (both two and three dimensional) remains the same regardless of its size, colour, position in space or configuration.

The option where children categorize according to vertical/horizontal stripes and small/big polka dots promotes visual discrimination skills.

As children play with Sort-in-the-Box, other vocabulary words can be introduced. Eg. classifying, groups, sets, categories, same, large, small, horizontal, vertical, standing line, sleeping line etc.

Use the interactive tool to also build flexibility in thinking by varying the combination of categories to sort. e.g. in the early stages, encourage children to sort across uniform categories i.e. animals, on land, animals in air, animals in water and animals on land and water. Move to a combination by encouraging children to sort amongst animals in air, objects that are circle, objects that are square and objects with big dots.

Get familiar with the elements

It consists of a 4 boxes in a box.
-60 object tiles to sort by class or attributes in 3 different categories.
-12 sub-category cards

Stage 1:
Choose among 3 concepts:
Option 1: Animals (animals on land, air, water and land & water)

Option 2: Shapes (objects that are circle, triangle, square or star)

Option 3: Perceptual features (objects that have vertical or horizontal shape, small or big polka dots)

Each option is further divided into 4 categories. Depending on the readiness of the child you could even begin with two categories, working your way up to 4. e.g. if you choose option 1, animals, you could either use all 4 sub-category cards or begin with only 2.

Children sort the object tiles into the different boxes-building vocabulary skills with every match. Just drop each tile into the box where it belongs reading the category marker placed on the top. Just open the roofs to retrieve the tiles when they're done.

Stage 2
Mix category cards from different options.