

Things that go together

How to play

Tell your child that these objects are mixed up and need sorting out. Ask them to say which things go together – which go in the sandpit, which are for making pictures and which are clothes?



Your child will find pre-school easier if they know the names of some of the everyday objects there. This game builds vocabulary and teaches how to organise information into different categories – important for learning and language development.



MAKE YOUR OWN VERSION: Cut out some pictures that you can group together. For example: things you drink (milk, water) and things you wear (socks, hat), or things from the bathroom (soap, toothbrush) and things from the kitchen (bowl, glass). Sometimes a picture will fit both categories – a sponge, for instance (is it from the kitchen or the bathroom?). There are not necessarily right and wrong answers. You can talk to your child about why they think one thing or another.

Help your child develop their mental filing system by asking them to help sort their toys into two boxes. "All the cars in this box. All the shop things in that box." This also helps with the tidying up!