

Play is the key way children learn about themselves, others and the world they live in. It is essential to their learning, development, health, and physical, mental and social well-being – and it's FUN! Play provides the building blocks to be ready for school.



Sorting Games

Talking together about their reasoning for sorting and matching decisions helps children learn from each other.

Did you know?

Matching and sorting games at playgroup can be good for getting children to explore similarities and differences together. Children can learn from each other and reason through how and why things go together.

Add language

Talk about how things are the same and how things are different and use category labels while the children are engaged in sorting and matching tasks.

Ask occasional questions like “How are they different?” or “How are they the same?”.

Other development

Sorting and matching games are useful for developing visual perceptual skills and learning concepts of colour, size, shape, number, and categorisation important for developing literacy and numeracy skills.

Variations

Pack away time can be turned into a sorting game by having children pack away things into tubs by category e.g. vehicles in the red tub, animals in the green tub, blocks in the blue tub etc.



Sorting pictures from junk mail or magazines into categories and then making them into picture books is a great group activity at playgroup e.g. food, drinks, furniture, clothing, toys, books, tools, vehicles etc.

Safety

Keep small objects or things with small parts away from babies and toddlers who may choke on them.

📌 Playgroup WA has a treasure trove of play activities for babies, toddlers and 3-5 year olds, for home and playgroup. These play activities cover a balanced diet of play across sensory, movement, language and thinking skill areas.

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