

SORTING

Lesson

Being able to distinguish differences builds on your child's basic recognition skills, which are fundamental to science and mathematics learning. This enhances their ability to sort a collection of different things with shared characteristics and allows them to discover the different uses and functions of different objects. When helping your child learn to observe the differences and similarities of people, objects, and animals, point out the different sizes, shapes, etc.



Outing

Take your child outside and point out things like the blue sky and the blue flowers as well as the yellow sun and the yellow car. This will allow your child's brain to begin the process of sorting and distinguishing the similarities and differences between things in their environment.

Snack Time

You and your child can enjoy an assortment of grapes. Discuss the different colors, shapes, and sizes of the grapes.



Games & Activity

Materials: Buttons (20)

Using buttons, ask your child to sort by size, then by color, then by number of holes, then by shiny or dull, etc. Once your child has a handle on this, begin to time them and see how fast they can do it each time.



Reading Time

- Play and Learn: Turn the Wheel Shapes and Sorting: Easy Learning Fun, For the Very Young, by Roger Priddy
- Apple Farmer Annie, by Monica Wellington
- Sort It Out!, by Barbara Mariconda