

Sorting out the washing

Key points

Sorting out the washing is a great opportunity for children to practise sorting items into different categories – they could sort clothes into different colours or sizes, or into pairs, or into clothes for cold or hot weather. There are so many different types of sorting that they can do!

Now try this together

Get your child to help you sort through the washing. See whether they can find a matching pair of socks or some small T-shirts, or if they can pick out all the red items.

While you are sorting the clothes, you could also talk about some of the names for different pieces of clothing such as trousers, socks, shirts and T-shirts.



Skills

Sorting,
matching,
choosing,
talking about,
comparing,
observing
differences

Talking points

- ▶ Can you find all the black socks?
- ▶ Can you find another red one?
- ▶ Can you see a T-shirt?
- ▶ I can see a jumper – can you?
- ▶ Which is the big jumper and which is the little one?
- ▶ What would you like to sort?

Little badgers

The activity on this page is ideal for young children. It aids memory and attention, as well as language development. Between the age of 18 months and 3 years, a child's vocabulary, both understood and spoken, increases dramatically, as they move from using single words to combining words into statements and questions.