

Week 6 Term 2, 2019
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Hello to all of our Little Explorers and their explorer guides- the wonderful parents, grandparents and family day care mums.

This week our learning games focus on Maths concepts.

Learning Game 50 “Nesting Objects”, encourages your child to put things together by trying, to put things order by size, and to learn new words for different sizes. This game has been designed for children in the 1 to 2 years age group.

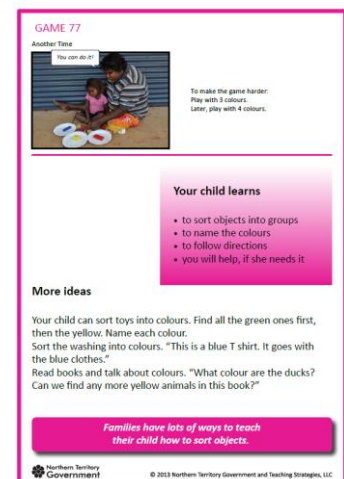
Learning Game 77 “Colour Sorting”, helps your child learn to sort objects into groups, based on colour. It has been designed for children in the 2 to 3 age group.

There are many other ways that children will be asked to sort objects at school. In order to be able to sort objects, children need to understand words such as “same”, “similar”, “alike”, “different”, “size”, “shape”, “colour”, “what materials objects are made of”, “what objects can be used for” etc.

For example, some of the ways that children might be asked to sort objects might be:-

- find all of the things made of wood” are examples of ways,
- find all of the things that are larger than your hand
- Find all of the things that we can use to cut—scissors, knife, saw (and we would use pictures for this example)

We can build this sorting/grouping skill in younger children by firstly teaching the child to notice the properties of objects, and talk about how objects are similar and different. There is quite often more than one way to group an object. Children need to be able to tell what it is about all of the objects in the group that makes them belong together. We begin with simple clear groups, eg based on shape or colour then move to size and what materials the objects are made from.



Learning Game 104 “Making Shapes, helps your child learn how to make things with their hands and fingers and talk about shapes. This game has been designed for children in the 3 to 4 age group. As with the majority of the Learning Games, this one is useful for children of any age.

I’m looking forward to see you again on Thursday.
Happy playing and talking.
Helen Levitt.
Playgroup co-ordinator

