

Collect a Category

Name a category and challenge children to collect objects that belong in that category. Start with general categories, such as vehicles. Provide more challenge by using more specific categories, such as vehicles that drive on a road. Define each item and why it is a part of that category.

Example of categories:

- Animals
- Shapes
- Clothes
- Tools
- ♦ Food
- Vehicles

More Support: Pre-sort a few objects for children to explore. Name each and talk about how they fit into the category.

Intentionally Teach Selected Vocabulary Words

"You are collecting *animals*. I see *animals* in the science center and in the block center. *Animals* can live in places like the zoo, in water, or at your house. Do you see any *animals*?"

"Shoes! Yes, that's a clothing item. It's something you wear."