



What Is It?

Prompt children explore a collection of loose parts. Loose parts can be anything that children can take apart, move, or manipulate.

Some loose part ideas include:

- ◆ Nature Finds: sticks, leaves, acorns, rocks
- ◆ Recycled Items: bottle caps, plastic containers, boxes
- ◆ Craft Items: ribbons, fabric, string, buttons

As they explore, encourage children to talk about what they could create or do with different items.

Use Comments and Questions to Promote Exploration

“What could you create with that?”

“I see you looking at that round disc. What do you think it is?”

“That looks interesting! Can you tell me more about what you created?”