

curious minds

Ages 1
and up



Ball box - find the right shape

This activity supports children understand about object permanence, problem solving and spatial awareness, through a game of putting a ball into a cardboard box

Learning benefit/skill development

- Encourages children to develop hand and eye co-ordination as they put the ball through the cut out holes in the box
- Helps children understand shapes and sizes
- Develops children's problem solving skills and spatial awareness

What you'll need

- A cardboard box
- Small balls of any material (roughly 5cm diameter so they are small enough for your child to pick up with one hand and large enough to not pose a choking risk)
- Have balls of different sizes available to add an extra challenge
- Scissors to cut the holes according to various shapes and sizes of balls

Instructions

- Cut 2-4 holes in the box using scissors
- Leave the box closed but not sealed (it should open as the child tips it and the balls should come out)
- Give the balls to your child and watch as your child puts the balls in. Give them space to see if they can figure out how to get them in and out.

