

Sorting & Categorising

Sorting and categorising (this can be size, shape, colour,) allow your child to develop their concept of size and shape while also developing skills such as problem solving.

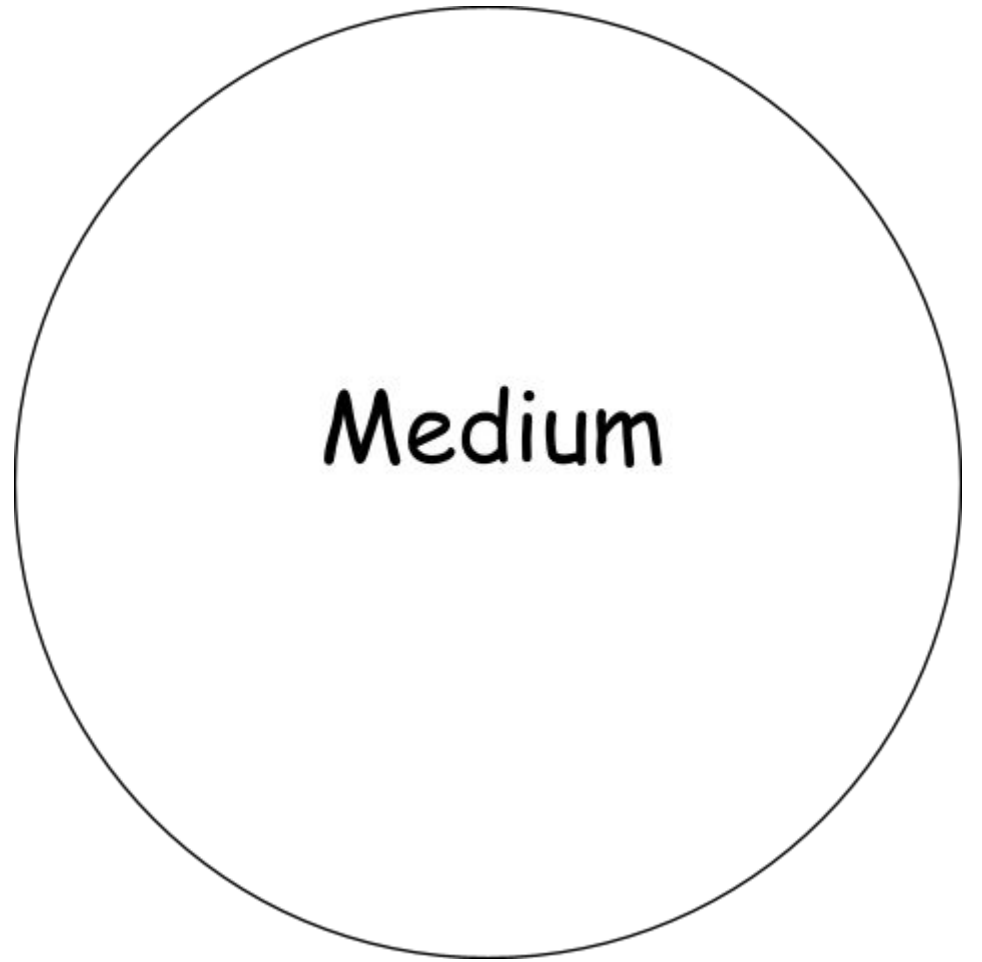
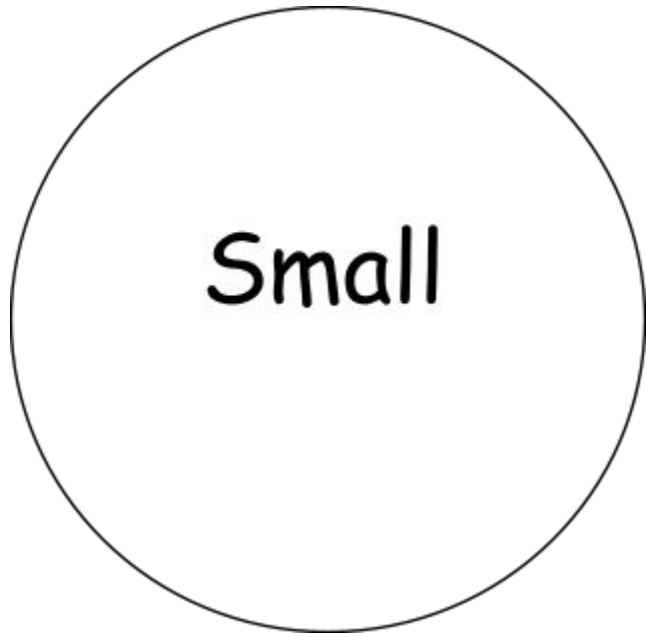
Everyday learning opportunities at home can be a great way of developing these skills while also learning about everyday tasks. For example;

- Tasks such as sorting clothes into different sizes.
- Setting the table, may involve choosing crockery and cutlery of the right size.
- Washing up can provide opportunities for children to look at different shapes and sizes.

Other examples of experiences which can help develop these early numeracy skills are;

- Stories such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' - different sizes of bowls, chairs, beds.
- Nature walks - collecting sticks of varied sizes, leaves, and acorns/conkers and ordering from small to big, big to small, sorting in groups of same items.
- Pairing socks - sorting by colour.
- Sorting fruit & veg - sort by colour, shape or size.

If opportunities to talk about shape and size are used everyday children will begin to learn the language and be able to use it in the right concept.





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