

## Activity 6 – Tidying up and daily jobs

### Tidying a room for the length of a song

#### What to do

- Talk about how breaking up tidying into little jobs can make them easier and more fun. Also, if everyone helps, jobs are finished much more quickly.
- Challenge children to tidy a room for the length of a song.
- You will need to allocate and specify the task/s, e.g. *Put as many toys in the basket while the music is playing, or pick up as many Lego pieces as you can until the music stops.*
- Celebrate your achievements made in the time one song took to play.

#### What you need

A messy room  
Music to play



#### Extension

Put regular jobs on lolly sticks and children choose to randomly allocate the jobs. Do before and after photographs to celebrate the difference made.

Create a tidying playlist with energetic songs.

Watch and sing along to Mary Poppins tidying the nursery with a spoon full of sugar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4qauTiCY4>

#### Questions to ask

What jobs need to be done?

How long do you think a song lasts in minutes?

How long do you think it will take to fill the laundry hamper?

How many pencils can you pick up in the time it takes for the song to play?

How different does the room look now?