**Sort It Out**

**Materials**
- 4–5 Objects from Nature
- 4–5 Office Supplies
- Index Cards
- Writing Utensil

1. Set out the natural and office materials on a table or other surface. Have the child sort them into groups—try 3 to start out with. They can sort it any which way they like. You can encourage them by suggesting they sort it by color, shape, or use. Ask them how the objects are different and how they are the same.

2. When they have finished sorting, give each group a label. Ask them how they sorted the objects, why they sorted them that way, and why sorting it that way might be useful.

3. Use this to start a conversation about other objects you sort around the house. Try doing the activity multiple times with different objects!