

Learning at Home

Support



FLOATING AND SINKING

Ages
0 - 4

Learning activity



What you will need:

- corks
- leaves
- small balls
- sponges
- paper
- rocks
- small sticks
- any small toys or any objects
- kitchen sink, bucket, bath or outside in a container.



What to do:

1. Get your child to drop one item into the water and see if it sinks or floats.
2. Before you drop each item, ask your child to guess what they think will happen.
3. You could ask them *I wonder why it did that? What else do you think might float?*
4. Ask your child to remove each item and put in groups, one group for things that float and one group for things that sink.
5. Use the words floating and sinking.
6. Let your child play with what you have and add other things as well.



What learning is happening:

- Children are developing predicting skills and testing out their ideas.
- As you talk to your child, they are learning new words.



Links to more information:

- [Learning at home](http://www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/learning-at-home/)¹ on the Department of Education website

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