



Label the Toy Box

Label the toy box and discover what printed words can do.

Helps Your Child Grow



Print and Alphabet Knowledge

Making and using labels on toy boxes helps your child discover that printed words can identify where objects belong.



Relationships with Adults

Making and attaching labels together gives your child practice responding to your prompts and cooperating toward a shared result.

Steps

- While putting away toys, suggest, “Let’s label the boxes so we can find each toy next time.”
- Let your child choose which container to label first, such as the block box or car box.
- Talk about what belongs inside, then write a simple English label such as “BLOCKS” so your child can see that print represents the contents.
- Offer the marker for your child to make a label. If writing the word is difficult, they can draw a block, copy the first letter, or write with your help.
- Decide together where the label will be easiest to see - on the front or side.
- Use the labels when choosing and putting away toys so their practical meaning becomes clear.

Tips

- Use the same idea beyond toy bins. Make labels together for a bookshelf, closet, or other familiar place so your child can notice how print works in everyday life.

Observations

- Checks the label on the toy box before taking a toy
- Discusses with you where each label belongs and then helps attach it