



Tidy Up in English

Put toys away and practice English at the same time.

Helps Your Child Grow



Vocabulary

Using English during toy cleanup helps your child connect words with objects and actions and try more words through repetition.

Steps

- Cleaning up toys is a small routine that happens every day. If your family is learning English, use this familiar moment for a little practice.
- At first, pair each action with one simple English phrase. Say “pick up” as you pick up a toy and “put in” as you place it in the box.
- Name familiar toys and features as you handle them: “car,” “truck,” “circle,” or “triangle.” You can also contrast a “small car” with a “big truck.”
- As the words become familiar, model short, complete phrases such as “Pick up the car” and “Put it in the box.” Let your child respond with a word, a sound, or an action.
- Once your child knows several words, try using mostly English during this short cleanup routine so the language stays connected to real actions.

Tips

- Do not require perfect speech or grammar from a child who is beginning to learn English. Respond to what they mean, then model a short, natural phrase they can hear again.

Observations

- Repeats an English word after you say it
- Puts the toys away after playing