

SORTING CUTLERY

What you will need:

- A clear space on the floor or table
- Contents of your cutlery drawer
- Cutlery divider from the drawer (optional).



What to do:

1. Place the contents of the cutlery drawer in a pile or in a basket.
2. Chat to your child about each object. Do they know what it is? Talk about a knife, a fork, a spoon. Describe their characteristics.
3. Ask your child to sort them back into groups, putting all the knives together, forks together, etc.
4. If they are able to do this, you might sort in a different way. Find all the big things, small things, etc.
5. Ask some questions What do we use to eat ice-cream? What do we cut our vegetables with? Why do you think this is?
6. Put what you have used back in the drawer together.
7. Next time you set the table, unpack the dishwasher or put away the cutlery, let your child help.

What learning is happening:

Children are learning to sort, describe, count and order objects. They are building on their language skills.

VEYLDF Outcomes:

Outcome 4 – Learning: Children are confident and involved learners.

Outcome 5 – Communication: Children are effective communicators.