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## Sorting into sets

Collect 10 items and sort them into the following sets:


Think of $\mathbf{2}$ other ways to sort the objects


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## What are they made of?

Write the type of material under each object.

| metal | wood |
| :--- | :--- |


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## Magnetism

Find out if the objects are attracted to magnets.

|  | It think it will <br> be attracted <br> to a magnet <br> YES / NO | It was <br> attracted to a <br> magnet <br> YES / NO | I was right or <br> wrong <br> Vor X |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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## Windows

Cover the four parts of the window with four different materials. You could use: Kitchen roll. Polythene, tissue paper, cling film, acetate.


Hold your window frame up to the light and look through it. Which windows can you see through?

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## Floating and Sinking

Collect these materials. Guess whether they will float or sink and tick the box.


Which things floated? Draw them here
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## Heavy or Light?

Find these 5 objects and arrange them in order.

$\qquad$ lightest
1
2
3
4

Find these 5 objects and arrange them in order.

plastic

rock

metal

wood

cork

## heaviest

$\qquad$ lightest

Were the results the same? $\qquad$

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## Rough or Smooth?

Collect these materials:

metal

plastic

wood

paper

rock

cork polystyrene

Touch each material. How do they feel? Sort them into ROUGH and SMOOTH materials.


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## Warm Or Cold?

Collect these materials:


Touch each material. How do they feel? Sort them into materials which are cold or warm to touch.


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Feely box

Use a cardboard box which is large enough for you to put your hand in. Cut a hole in one side of the box. Paint or cover your box in a bright colour.
Decorate your box with shapes, card, paper, wool etc.

Collect some objects to put into your box, such as:

marble


cotton wool

plastic cube

coin paper clip

rubber

building block

Invite a friend to feel the objects and guess what they are - without taking the object out of the box!

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## Umbrellas

Which material would make the best umbrella? Collect some material such as:
Tissue paper, plastic bag, kitchen roll, fabric, paper, acetate sheet, blotting paper.
Secure them with an elastic band over a clear container. Pour on some water and watch what happens. Draw your results below.


I think $\qquad$ would make the best umbrella because $\qquad$

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## Absorbency

1. Collect some materials such as kitchen roll, writing paper, plastic bag, blotting paper, tracing paper.
2. Cut a strip from each, ensuring they are all the same size. Put some water in beakers - make sure they all have the same level.
3. Dip each strip on the surface of the water for the same length of time.


Now measure how far up the strips of paper the water has travelled.

| Material | How far the water soaked up cm |
| :--- | :--- |
| Kitchen roll |  |
| Writing paper |  |
| Tracing paper |  |
| Plastic bag |  |

Which one soaked up the most water? $\qquad$
Will it be good for mopping up spills or keeping dry?

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## How do you feel?


metal

plastic

paper

rock

cork

polystyrene

Touch each material. How do they feel? Sort them into sets. Some may go in more than one set. Some may not belong in any.

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## Hard or Soft?



Touch each material. How do they feel? Sort them into materials which feel HARD or SOFT.

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## Sorting into sets

Collect these materials:


Set A are all $\qquad$

$\qquad$

## Similar or Different?

Choose $\mathbf{2}$ objects that are made from different materials. Draw them here:

warm
hard

Examine your objects to see how they are similar and how they are different.

They are both $\qquad$
They are both $\qquad$
They are both

Only object $\qquad$ is $\qquad$
Only object $\qquad$ is $\qquad$
Only object $\qquad$ is $\qquad$


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What have you learned about these materials? Colour the correct boxes:

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## Man - made or Natural?

Colour the objects at the bottom of the page and cut them out. Which objects have been made from NATURAL or MAN MADE materials? Stick them into the correct set below. Natural
Man - made

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## What is it made of?

Label the picture with the correct materials? These words may help:

| Plastic | rubber | glass | metal | fabric |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



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## Look at these objects. Carefully stretch them.


Will it break?

| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |

Will it go back?

| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |


| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |

straw

elastic band

Will it break?
Will it go back?

plasticine
Will it stretch?

| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |

Will it break?

| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |

Will it go back?

| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |


Will it stretch?

| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |


| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |


| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |

plastic
Will it stretch?


| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |


| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |


Will it break?

| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |


| Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- |

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## What are they made from?

Join the object to the material it is made from.


