

Science Skills for Infants and Toddlers



Observing and Describing

Using the senses: Inviting children to use their senses and describe their observations

- *How do they feel?*
- *What do they look like?*
- *How do they smell?*
- *How do they taste?*
- *How does it sound?*

Questions you can ask to help children compare and sort:

- *Do you want the big one or the small one?*
- *This is very small, like your finger.*
- *Let's make a group for you and a group for me*
- *Can we put all the blocks together here? Then we can put the balls together here.*

Questions and Predictions

Invite children to pose questions and model questioning for them

- *"Which plant is taller?"*
- *"What will happen when we put the color tablet in the water?"*
- *"How can we make this ball roll faster?"*