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## Under 5s with parents & carers

### Fill a box



**This box is full of colourful glass seals. They look like square marbles!**

Fill your own box using these simple instructions and materials to enjoy exploring at home. Talk about what you are doing, encourage investigating and help your child develop skills such as opening, closing, reaching and choosing.



#### You will need:

- Cardboard box
- Things to put in your box

#### Instructions:

1. Open the box, put some things in the box, close the box.
2. Let your child explore what is inside.

#### Activities:

- Fill the box with different things and encourage your child to explore the different sizes, textures, colours and weights.
- Encourage your child to take things out of the box and then put them back in again. Do they all come out together or one at a time?
- Practise opening and closing the box.
- Fill your box with pairs of things, for example pairs of socks, encourage your child to find the ones that match.
- Gather some different size things and encourage your child to investigate which things will fit in the box and which ones are too big! Now try with some different size boxes.
- Count things in and out of the box. Start with 3 things, then 5 and then try numbers up to 10. Count with your child to help them to hear, say and start to understand each number.
- Use a box with a small opening, put something inside and encourage your child to investigate what is inside using only touch before they take it out and have a look.



Museum object: Wooden box with glass seals  
c. AD 1820, Europe (British Museum 1895,1020.1)