



## Caps off for maths

A collection of lids or caps is a cheap resource with many uses in early childhood classrooms.

Collect your own, or ask children to bring theirs from home to build the collection more quickly.

**Children can; for example:**

Sort by colour



or size



Order according to size –

diameter (width)



or height





Make repeating patterns

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abbcc

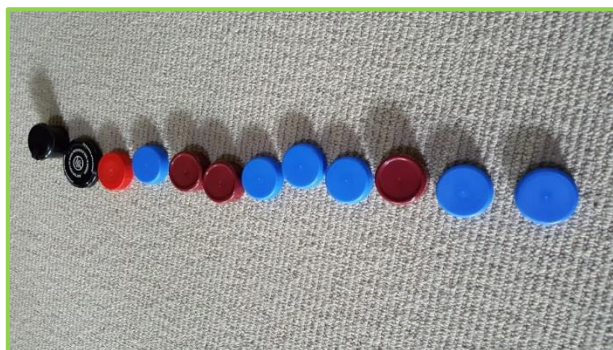


and growing patterns



Count

by ones



or twos



or fives



Learn to subitise (recognise quantities by sight, without the need to count)



That's five!  
I didn't need  
to count!

It's still five. It  
doesn't matter  
how you move  
them!

Discover conservation



Compare – who has more? or less?

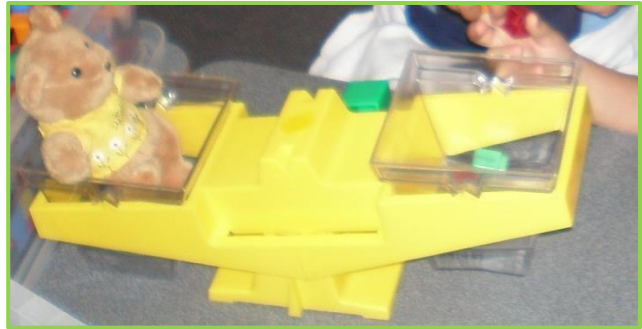




Measure length



or mass



Make pictures



or collage



Make the longest line



or different shapes



or stack them in a tower.



There are many different uses for caps and lids in an early childhood classroom.

They also make great counters or tokens when playing a game.

What other ways do you use caps and lids in your classroom?