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What Do You See?

How many pairs of rain boots do you see?

What Is Sorting?

Sorting means putting **alike** things into groups.

We can sort things in many **different** ways.

Let's sort by size!



Some balls are big. They go in one group.

Other balls are small. They go in another group.



One of these balls is in the
wrong group.

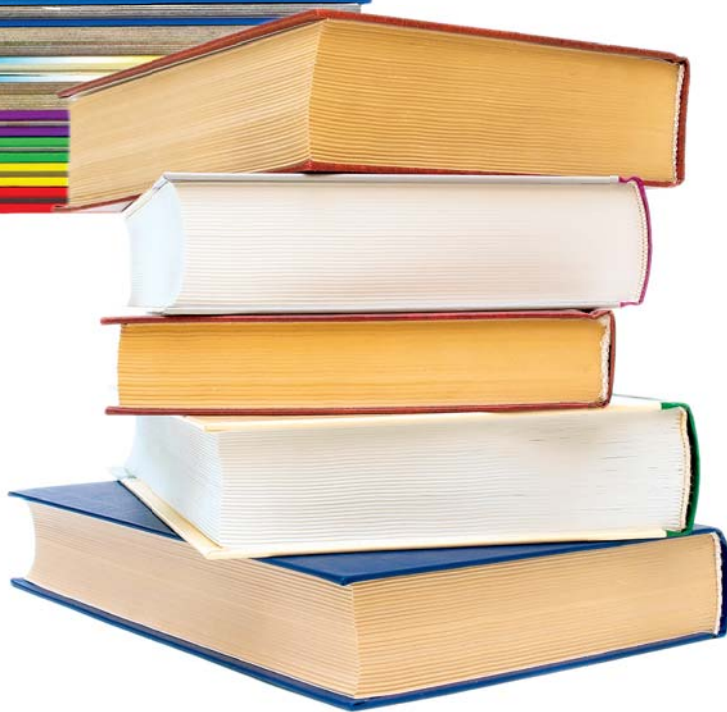
Which ball is different?



Thick and Thin

Alex is at the library.

He sorts the books by how **thick** they are.



Some books are **thin**.

Other books are thick.

A photograph of three children standing in a line outdoors. On the left is a young girl with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a white t-shirt and pink pants, looking up and to the right. In the middle is a boy with glasses, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, looking forward. On the right is another boy wearing a red long-sleeved shirt and brown cargo pants, looking forward. They are standing on a grassy area with a white wall and green bushes in the background. A large green curved shape is on the left side of the page.

What Do You See?

How many kids do you see?

Tallest to Shortest

These kids are sorted by
height.

Emma is the shortest.

Mike is the tallest.



Can you sort these dogs by height?

The dog with pointy ears is tallest.

Which dog is shortest?



Long and Short

We can sort things by **length**.

Jack sorts his pencils from
longest to shortest.



What Do You See?

What color is the shortest pencil?

He compares lengths.

The longest pencil goes on the bottom.

What can you sort by size?

Find Out More

BOOK

Brewster, Joy. *Sorting Matter*. Pelham, NY: Benchmark, 2012.

WEB SITE

How Tall?

pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/games/how_tall/how_tall.html

Test your measuring skills by guessing how tall things are.

Glossary

alike (uh-LIKE) the same

different (DIF-ur-uhnt) not the same

height (HITE) how tall something is

length (LENGKTH) how long something is from end to end

thick (THIK) fat or wide

thin (THIN) skinny or narrow

Home and School Connection

Use this list of words from the book to help your child become a better reader. Word games and writing activities can help beginning readers reinforce literacy skills.

alike	ears	pairs	sort
balls	groups	pencils	tallest
big	height	pointy	thick
books	kids	rain boots	thin
compares	length	short	
different	library	size	
dog	long	small	

What Do You See?

What Do You See? is a feature paired with select photos in this book. It encourages young readers to interact with visual images in order to build the ability to integrate content in various media formats.

You can help your child further evaluate photos in this book with additional activities. Look at the images in the book without the What Do You See? feature. Ask your child to describe one detail in each image, such as a color, activity, or setting.

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