

Classify a Collection

After an excavation, archaeologists spend a lot of time putting the artifacts into different categories to help them learn more about the site. They might classify them by materials, by use or by possible date. Practice your classification skills with this activity.



Materials:

- A collection of something at your house

Instructions:

1. Find a collection of something at your house. Perhaps you have a collection of coins, rocks, books, stuffed animals, toys or blocks. Choose whatever you would like for this activity.
2. Choose a way to classify your collection. You could do it by material, color, shape, size, date or anything that you want. Be creative. Just choose something that will allow you to divide your collection into categories.
3. Find someone else - perhaps a parent, sibling or friend - and see if they can look at your piles and determine how you classified your collection.
4. Make a list of all the possible ways you could classify your collection.