‘Sorting things’ is about classifying

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What we do and what it means

Jana: Where does this go?

Mum: That goes in the cupboard.

Jana: The oranges go in the fridge?

When we unpack the shopping we sort things as we put them away. Early on, children sort by what is ‘the same’ and ‘what is different’. They may start by sorting colour and end up sorting by size.

Later, children keep using the same sorting system (classification) and can tell you how they sorted.

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