



You've Got Mail

Experience

Preparation: Create a mail box by decorating the selected box. Cut a posting slot in the lid, large enough for letters and little hands to 'collect the mail'. Fill the box with letters using the envelopes with selected pictures from the junk mail catalogues inside. Play 'You've Got Mail' and ask your child to collect the mail, opening it to see what is inside. Talk about the letters collected, ask questions about the pictures, try to find the items around your home, talk about what the items are used for, and discuss the colours and shapes.

Variation: For preschool aged children, involve them in writing the letters and decorating the letter box. Create imaginative play scenarios by setting up a shop and post office for children to role play in.

Learning benefits

- Understanding and following directions
- Express self, engage in simple two way conversation
- Learn how to answer simple questions
- Practice with communicating thoughts and ideas



3 - 5 mins



2 - 3 years

Materials

Shoe box or small cardboard box

Junk mail catalogues

Envelopes

Textas, pencils

Hints and Tips

3-5 years: Sort mail by size, shape, colour, count how much mail there is