

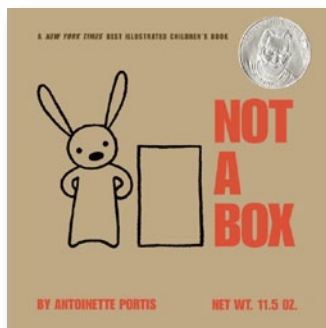
# Box town

## Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Start collecting empty boxes of different sizes and kinds. The sizes will depend on how much space you have for building a village, town or city. Talk with your child about different kinds of buildings you have seen in a city, town or village. Name some different kinds of buildings, e.g. house, condominium, school, hotel, store, skyscraper, garage, fire station, community hall, etc.
- ❖ Imagine the boxes are buildings. Think about what kind of buildings they could be. Talk about their shapes and sizes.
- ❖ Use the boxes to build an imaginary city, town or village. As you are building, talk about what the people might be doing there.



## A good read-together book



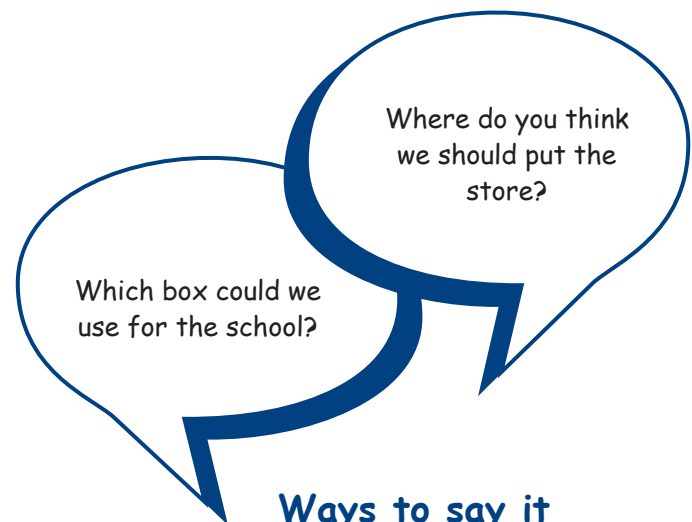
**Not a Box** by Antoinette Portis

You will need some light, empty boxes of different shapes and sizes, as well as scissors, tape or glue, and crayons or paint.

This activity will help your child use imagination and creativity, and learn new words for shapes, sizes and structures.

## Hints for success

- ❖ Build on a flat surface so the boxes stand upright.
- ❖ Add toy cars, animals, people figures, trees made of twigs, etc. Invite your child to find other objects which could be added.



## Ways to say it

# More ideas for Box town

## Try this way

- ❖ If you have a large outdoor play space, use big cardboard boxes so children can climb inside. Decorate the boxes to look like different kinds of buildings. Put signs on them and encourage children to use them for imaginary play.
- ❖ Encourage your child to make the boxes look like different buildings. Use paints, crayons, coloured paper, and tape or glue to decorate each building. Use blunt scissors to cut out windows and doors.



## Physical activity

Take a walk around your neighbourhood and look at the different kinds of buildings you see. Talk about their shapes and sizes.

As you pass each building, give it a name and add some descriptive words (e.g. squat, colourful, dark and spooky, etc.).

## Early literacy

Make some signs to add to your buildings, e.g. doctor's office, hospital, school, etc.

Make some traffic signs like the ones you would see in your city, town or village. Draw and cut out the shapes, glue them to small sticks, and stand them up in lumps of playdough near the box buildings.

## Go In and Out the Window

Go round and round the village,  
Go round and round the village,  
Go round and round the village,  
As we have done before.

Go in and out the window,  
Go in and out the window,  
Go in and out the window,  
As we have done before.

Now stand and face your partner,  
Now stand and face your partner,  
Now stand and face your partner,  
As we have done before.

Now shake his hand and leave him.  
Now shake her hand and leave her,  
Now shake his hand and leave him,  
As we have done before.

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