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- What in the World?:** Picture Blocks
- What do you need?:** Empty cardboard boxes – cereal, shoeboxes, oatmeal box, etc., photographs of familiar people or things.
- What you do:** Glue pictures to the boxes. Then cover them with clear contact paper. Encourage your baby to build, stack, knock over, and look at the pictures.
- Tips:** Talk about who or what you see in the pictures. “Who is that, is that mommy? There’s Daddy.” Infants will only play with a few blocks at a time so you only need four or five. It is helpful for them to be similar in size and small enough to hold easily. Older children would like more variety and have better motor control to stack different sizes.
- Value:** Physical — Visual discrimination, small and large muscle development.
Science Rocks — Cause and effect, comparison of size, shape and weight, balance.
Language Works — Conversation about the pictures enhances language development, vocabulary and thinking skills.
- Variations:**
- We did it!**

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