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A button in the box

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mariam opened the button box with Dad. She saw a big blue button. No other button looked the same. Was it alone? She put it with big buttons of other colours. Then she put it with small blue buttons. It belonged in more than one group!

Talk and draw

How did one button belong in different groups? Draw shapes and sort them once by size and once by shape. Use drawings, not real buttons.

Descriptive lengths, not standardized reading levels.

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Mariam was drawing a circle when Dad sat down to sort the sewing box. He invited her to look at the buttons with him, without handling sharp tools or putting anything in her mouth. She noticed a big blue button with two holes. No other button looked exactly like it. Dad grouped the large buttons together. The blue button now had neighbours of different colours. Next, he grouped the blue buttons. Its new neighbours were smaller. Mariam drew the buttons on her paper instead of moving them. Could she sort by the number of holes? Dad suggested trying it in her drawing. She drew a line around the buttons with two holes. Her button belonged there too. The button had not changed. The question about its group had changed.

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