

## Junior Infants 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you are keeping well and safe at home. Hopefully you enjoyed the bank holiday and here are a few ideas to follow for the week ahead.

If you have any questions or are unsure about anything or are having difficulties accessing any resources please do not hesitate to contact me on [amahonycahirns@gmail.com](mailto:amahonycahirns@gmail.com).

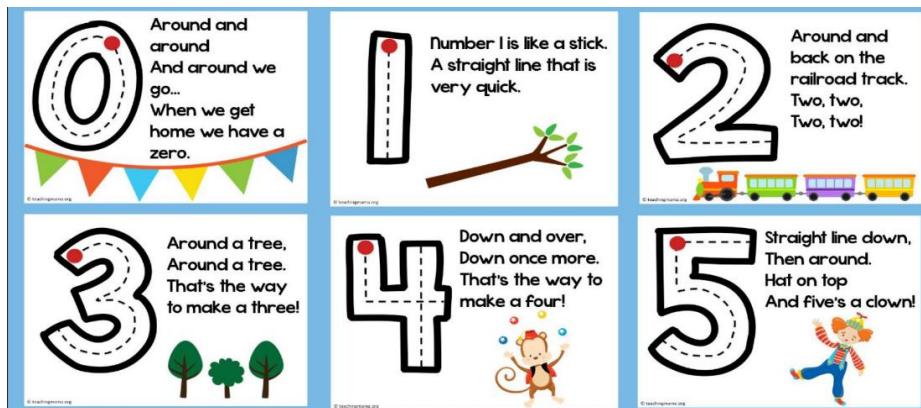
Look after each other and stay safe.

Kind regards,

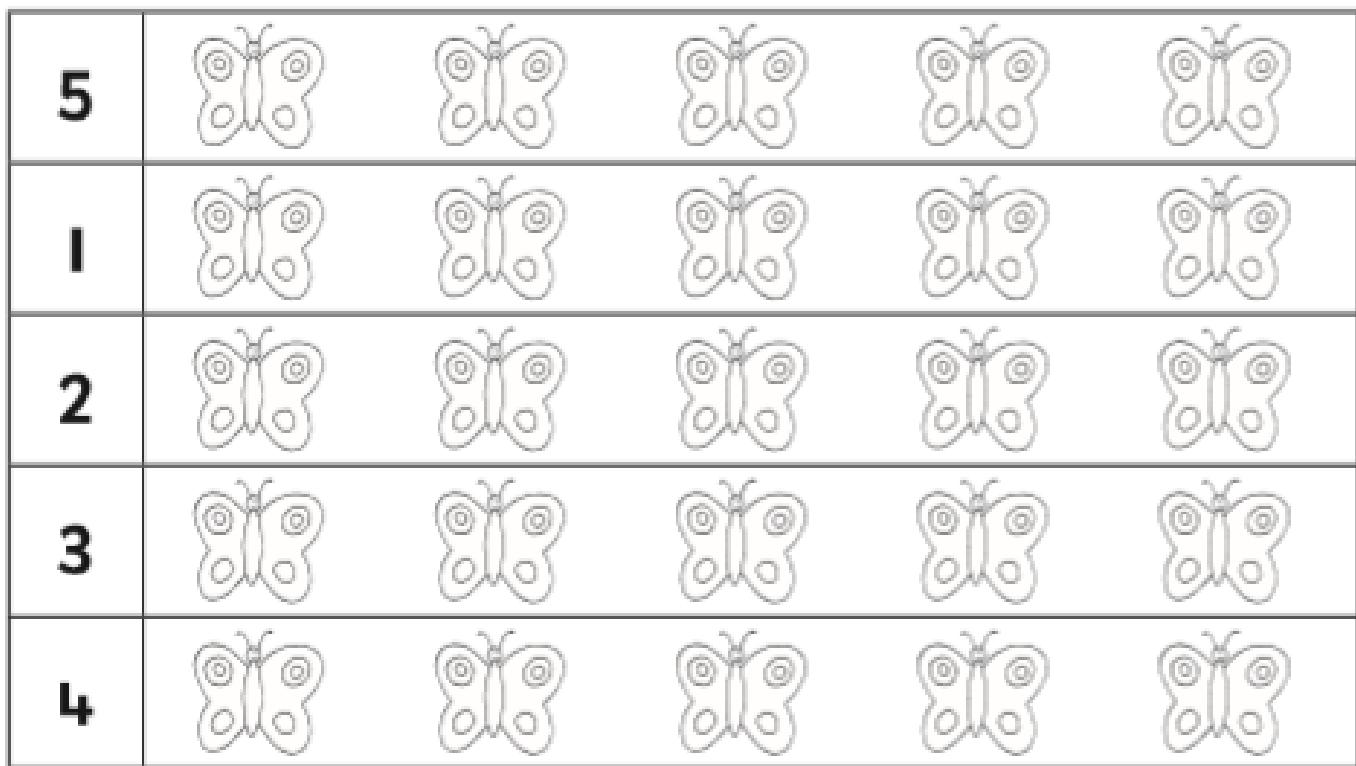
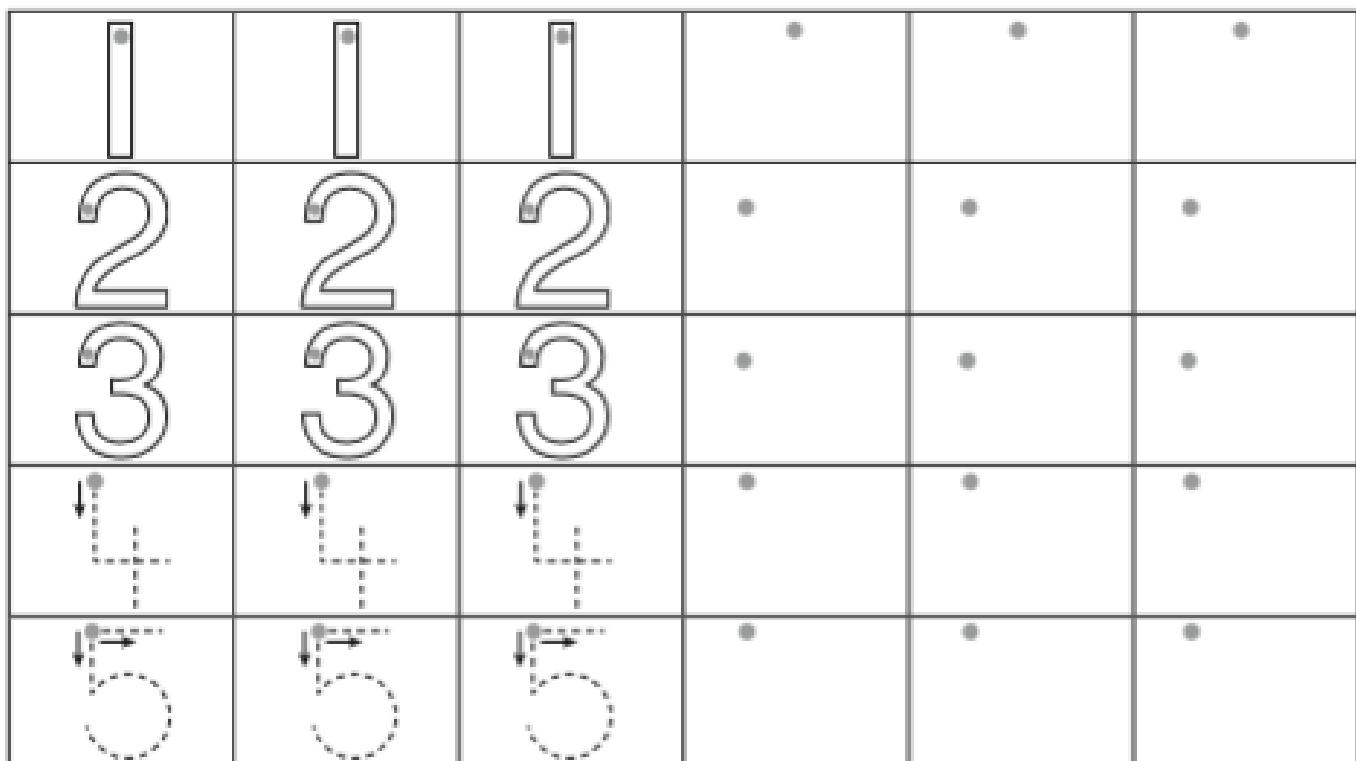
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## Maths: Counting

- Youtube counting songs: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_pRtNLj\\_-yY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pRtNLj_-yY)
- Remember to try to practice writing your numbers 0-5 each day. This can be done with crayons, pencil, paint, chalk, playdough and practice tracing with your finger (on the table, on someone's back, in sand, etc.). See if you can make rainbow numbers by using lots of colours by repeatedly tracing over the number using a different colour each time. (The number rhyme poster for the formation of each number is in last weeks work).



- Remember to practice counting every day both forwards and backwards 0-10. You can do this when you are playing, tidying toys or helping around the house.
  - This week we are continuing to learning about comparing and ordering numbers. Here are some activities to start with:
1. An adult or child writes the numbers 0-5 on paper and cuts them out or you can use numbers from a deck of cards. Jumble up the numbers and see can you rearrange them to correct order. See how fast you can do it each time.
  2. An adult takes one number out of the order and you have to tell them what is missing. To make it harder they can take two or three numbers out. Practice this lots of times.
  3. An adult can show you a number, you say the number and then have to find something in your house that matches it for example, the number 4 you might have 4 chairs at your table / the number 2 you might have two windows in teat room.
  4. An adult shows you a number and you have to build a tower of Lego / thread beads / put pegs on a peg board / colour in circles on a page to match the number.
  5. Here are some activities to try.

**I. Colour the correct amount of butterflies.****2. Trace. Write.**

# 19. Comparing and Ordering 2



## Colour



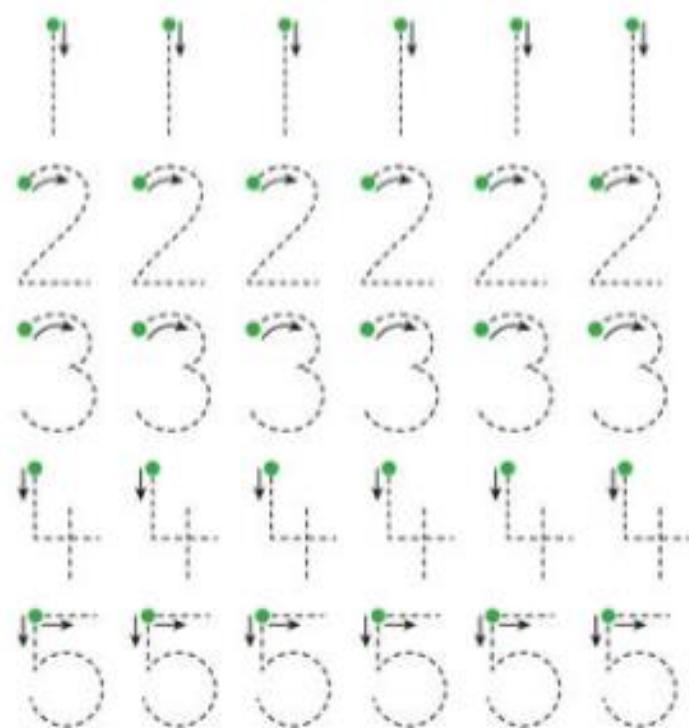
1. Colour the correct amount of beads.

5	●	○	○	○	○	○
4	●	○	○	○	○	○
3	●	○	○	○	○	○
2	●	○	○	○	○	○
1	●	○	○	○	○	○

2. Colour.

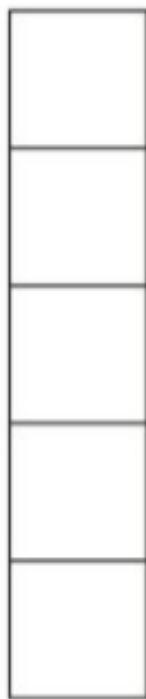
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3. Trace the numerals.



# Colour

1. Colour the correct amount of blocks.



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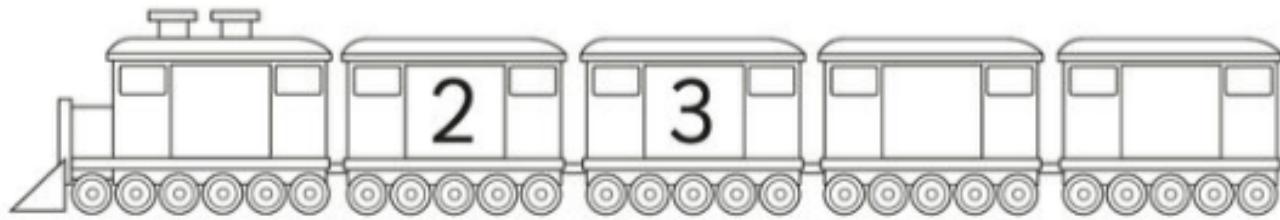
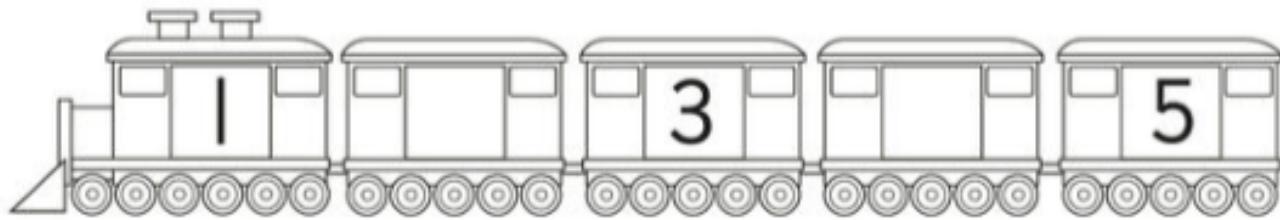
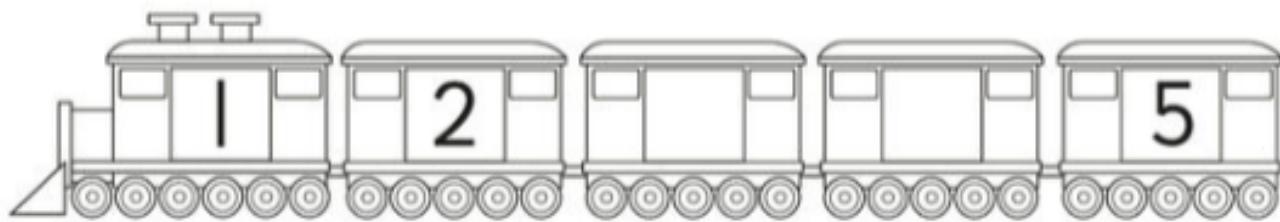


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2. Write the missing numeral.



6. Here are some activities on twinkl that you can carry out if you want;

<https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/roi-n-5542-counting-dinosaurs-activity-sheet>

<https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/roi-n-5482-compare-sets-without-counting-cards>

- Below is a link to the Junior Infant maths book so you can access it online and there are a few additional worksheets too. I will put up pages for the kids to do but if you want any additional resources this may be useful.

<https://www.gillexplore.ie/gill-explore-resources/cracking-maths-junior-infants-pupils-book>

- The following are some online games that you can try again throughout the week (the links are below the description of the game). See how quick you can do it by timing yourself! Have Fun!
- *Ladybird Spots*: Play Counting 1-5 / Matching 1-5 / Ordering 1-5.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>

- *Chinese Dragons*: Sequencing - counting in ones 1-10 / 10-1

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/chinese-dragon-ordering>

- *Coconut ordering*: Numbers 1-10

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering>

## English

Nursery Rhymes: Old Mac Donald Had a Farm:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR8jZrc-jhs>

Jolly Phonics songs of all letters: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KjYLDhzhvo>

## Reading

- Phonics - Ditty Books: 1 ditty story each day

[https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2020/03/25/12/12/55/1a5fba52-4af4-4008-9fcf-56517ab25cb7/RWI\\_OnlineDitties.pdf](https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2020/03/25/12/12/55/1a5fba52-4af4-4008-9fcf-56517ab25cb7/RWI_OnlineDitties.pdf)

These are short stories that include sounds, blending words, sight words and sentences. Each story is one page long. These will help with the revision of individual sounds, blending and reading sentences. Below I have attached a Youtube link explaining to you the adult how the Ditty Books work and how you use them with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mhoa4oPkwbE>

- Sight words: revise these words

on	they	but	with
at	look	up	him

- Practice reading these 5 words (remember we do not sound these out, we just say them!) Here are a few activities:
  - Write the words on paper and turn them over. Pick a card, get it right you get to keep it. Whoever has the most at the end of the game wins.
  - Write the words on paper and stick them around your house, you have to find them and then read it.
  - See if you can find these words in books or games.
- We are going to practice making, blending and reading words.
  - If an adult writes each letter once on a piece of paper, big enough and then cuts them out (maybe you could help with the cutting).
  - Then, put all letters on the table facing up and the adult will say a 3 letter CVC word (consonant vowel consonant, eg; cat, sun, top, leg, rip, cut, men. These are words that the child can sound out).

- You have to try to find the letters and make the word. For example, the word is run, you must find the letters r-u-n. Then say the sounds and blend them together to read the word. Practice this lots of times with different words. See how many you can do in 30seconds or a minute.

## Writing

- This week our handwriting letters are; n, m, h. If an adult writes each letter nice and big, you can trace them with your finger practicing the formation and then you can write it using your pencil, crayons, chalk or sprinkle a small bit of salt or sugar on a plate you can make the letter with your finger. (Below is a link to the handwriting book online and the letters for this week are pages 26 - 31)

<https://educateplus.ie/ppresource/just-handwriting-junior-infants-pre-cursive>

- Try writing your news at least once a week. Remember this can be done on lines or on blank paper, whiteboard or blackboard. An adult can write it first, and you can copy it. Draw a picture after of your news. This week try include what your favourite animal is.
  - Remember correct letter formation when writing. Ask yourself, do I lift my pencil when writing this letter?
  - Remember the size and type of letter too. Ask yourself, is this a tall letter? Is this an under the line letter? Is it a middle letter?
  - Remember your space between words and your full stop.

## For Junior Infants/Senior Infants/First Class

- Irish

Go to [www.edco.ie/bua](http://www.edco.ie/bua).

1. Select the file that suits your computer PC or Mac (please note that Bua na Cainte only works on PC or Mac computers-it will not work on a tablet device).

2. Select the Class Level Junior Infants and then click on it to start a download of the file. Once it has downloaded, click on the file to install and follow on-screen instructions.

3. A Bua na Cainte icon will appear on your desktop. Once you click on this page a login page will open where you will enter the following details - Login: trial / Password: trial

4. Our topic for this week is Sa Bhaile (In the Home).

- PE activities:

Joe wicks does morning PE for 30 mins every weekday morning on his Youtube channel. Below is a link to this channel where all his workouts are saved. There are also shorter 5min / 8 min workouts. Give them a go!

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=pe+with+joe](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pe+with+joe)

Jamie Brain Breaks are excellent yoga style exercises for kids!!

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=jamie%27s+brain+breaks](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jamie%27s+brain+breaks)

- Music

Days of the week: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tx0rvuXIRg>

Months of the year: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lPeAo1hz8GA>

Head, Shoulders, Knees and toes:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9pXrBf8ni8&list=PLWUT\\_Y796lKP9UR2I1buAUCq5ZQcL8Dz\\_&index=26](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9pXrBf8ni8&list=PLWUT_Y796lKP9UR2I1buAUCq5ZQcL8Dz_&index=26)

- RTÉ Hub is on daily 11am - 12pm on RTÉ 2 and catch up episodes on RTÉ Home School Extra at 4.45pm.

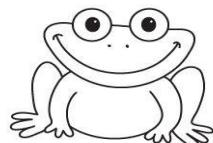
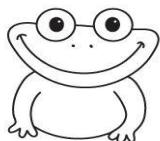
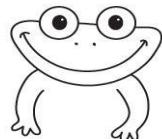
<https://www.rte.ie/tv/programmes/1127275-rte-home-school-hub/>

Remember to look back at the ideas and links from last week's work (April 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>) Keep practicing games and activities such as cutting, jigsaws, playdough, I-spy, colouring, drawing and building with blocks or Lego.

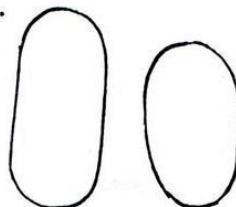
- **Art / Music**

- This week I want you to try and make your own musical instrument using things you have in your home. Like junk art in school, try to use things that you find in your home and get as creative and imaginative as you can. Think about different instruments you could make, drums, guitar, tin whistle, triangle, shakers, etc. Then think about what kinds of materials could you use, cereal box, toilet rolls, egg boxes, paper, straws, beads, empty plastic bottles, etc (make sure all materials are clean before you use them). Don't forget to decorate them bright and colourful.
- When you have made your instrument or instruments share them with people in your family and perform all your favourite songs.
- Here is a video with some ideas that might help you with inspiration for your instruments. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHjwNSipLig>

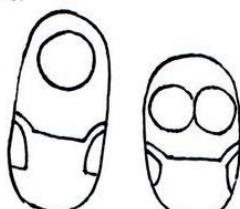
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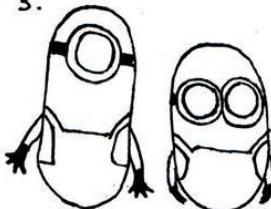
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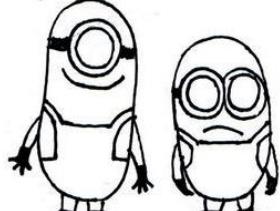
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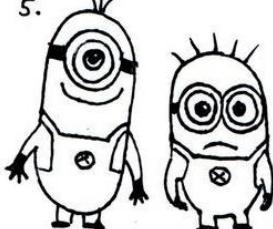
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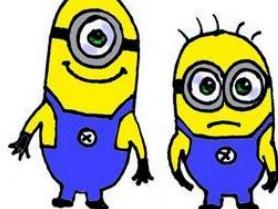
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- **STEM (Science / Technology / Engineering / Maths)** I will be posting 2 challenges a week for you to give a go of at home. There is a list of suggested materials, all of things you would have at home. So, get your imagination and creative mind working and give challenge 1 and 2 a try! Have fun!!

# 10 days of STEM Challenges



## Suggested STEM Materials

- Lego
- Jenga Blocks
- K'nex
- Cocktail sticks
- Mini marshmallows
- Play Dough
- Paper or plastic cups
- Playing cards
- Dominoes
- Lollipop sticks
- Pegs
- Paper plates
- Newspaper
- Pipe cleaners
- Straws
- Empty toilet rolls
- Paper and card
- Sellotape /masking tape
- Glue
- Cardboard boxes
- Egg cartons
- Paper clips
- Tin foil
- String
- Elastic Bands
- Ribbon
- Bottle tops

## STEM Challenge Day 1

Build your  
name in 3D.



## STEM Challenge Day 2

Build an animal  
enclosure for one  
of your teddies  
or toys.

