

Functional Skills Box - Materials

- Utensils (*plastic & metal*)
- Wooden or slotted spoon
- Measuring spoon/cup
- Small spatula or whisk
- Oven mit or pot holder
- Coins (*penny, dime, etc.*) and dollar bill
- Gift card, (*fake or expired*) credit card
- Envelope and stamp
- Pen, pencil, crayon, marker
- Sponge (*for dishes or a loofa sponge*)
- Travel size toiletries (*toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, nail clipper, nail polish, etc.*)
- Q-tip and cotton ball
- Button, spool of thread
- Gloves (*rubber, cotton, gardening*)
- Packet of flower seeds
- Socks
- Clothespin
- Paperclip, rubber band
- Brochure/pamphlet/ticket
- Local menu
- Paint brush, paint chips
- Padlock and key
- Screws, nuts, bolts
- Battery
- Toy car or block

**...plus anything
else you can find!**

Functional Skills Box - Activities

- ❑ **Categories:** sort items in the box by category or attribute (*i.e. find everything that is made of metal or plastic, everything you can wear, everything you'd find in a kitchen, everything with a handle, etc.*)

- ❑ **Describing and making inferences:** have students describe an object from the box while others guess which object is being described OR have students ask yes/no questions to figure out which object was chosen.

- ❑ **Comparing and contrasting:** choose two objects from the box (*i.e. penny/dollar bill or clothespin/ paperclip*) and use a graphic organizer to identify similarities and differences.

- ❑ **Functional vocab/reading comprehension:** use anything with text from *your box* (*i.e. brochure or pamphlet, local menu, tickets, airplane boarding pass, etc.*) to target vocabulary, WH questions, reading comprehension, and more.

- ❑ **Articulation:** search for items containing a target sound and make an object word list! Pair items with carrier phrases for extra practice (*i.e. This is a ___ and it is used for ____.*)

Functional Skills Box - Attributes

Look in the box and find a different item for each of the categories listed below.

- Find something that is used for eating.**
- Find something that is made of metal.**
- Find something that is round.**
- Find something that is heavy.**
- Find something that is soft.**
- Find something that is smooth.**
- Find something that is found in the bathroom.**
- Find something that is made of plastic.**
- Find something that you can wear.**
- Find something that is used for baking.**

Functional Skills Box - Describing

Choose an item from the box and answer all of the questions below:

- What category does it belong to?**
- What is it used for or why do we use it?**
- What does it look like? Think about size, shape, color, etc.**
- What is it made of?**
- What parts does it have?**
- Where do we find it?**
- When do we use or see it?**
- How do we use it?**
- What does it feel like?**
- What else might go with it?**
- What other facts do you know about it?**