

‘Here we go’ –using push/pull toys

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You need:

- A variety of push and pull toys such as cars, planes, balls, wagons, shopping cart, which have a basket or container large enough to carry items.
- Toys and items to place in the push and pull toys, such as small balls, plush toys, dolls, cars, plastic animals

Provide children with a variety of large and small push and pull toys. Identify the name and parts of the toys. Show your child how to place the smaller items inside the toy; count them as they are moved.

Questions/comments to use:

‘Look at you walking! You can push the cart around the room’

‘What toys should we put in the cart?’

‘Can you put the toys in the cart and take them to X?’

‘If we turn the cart on its side, you can see the wheels spinning round.’

This activity helps children learn about balance and motion, one to one correspondence by placing items in the container, and the simple machine of a wheel and axle by spinning the wheel of a push and pull toy.