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What you need:

- A bowl/box for water
- Natural materials, for example: twigs, leaves, flowers, pebbles, snail shells, sea shells, conkers, match sticks



Ask your child to help you fill the bowl with water. Have the natural materials nearby.

Talk about what they think will happen if they dropped the stones, leaves etc... in the water. Will it float on the top or sink to the bottom? Try.

You could sort the materials into groups of 'floating' and 'sinking'. What can you notice?

Are things that sink heavier or lighter than those that float?