

**LESSON PLAN: USING STAMPS TO CLASSIFY**  
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**Subject:** Math — Lesson 1

**Grade:** 1, Ages 6–7

**Objective:** The students will be able to put stamps into different groups of subjects by using the pictures on the stamps.

**Materials:** Loose, used stamps, sorting tray or other suitable containers.

**Procedure:** The teacher will explain the objective of the lesson. The students will sit in small groups with the sorting tray or other containers in the center, and each will have a small pile of stamps in front of them. They will look at a stamp and place it in the appropriately marked container, such as dogs, cats, birds, trees, people, Christmas, and other easily recognizable subject the teacher chooses. Any stamps not fitting in the chosen categories will be placed in a separate container for other uses.

**Closure:** When the group is finished, they will count how many stamps of each subject they have and report it to the teacher. They will use these numbers in Math — Lesson 2.

**Evaluation:** The teacher will look through each container and assess whether the students have sorted them correctly.