

## ACTIVITY 10

# Swap Meet

**A toy swap can be a way to reinforce the ‘reduce, re-use, recycle’ message, and meet several cross-curricular goals relating to individual and community action for sustainability.**

Sustainability OI.5, OI.6, OI.7, OI.8 The sustainability of ecological, social and economic systems is achieved through informed individual and community action that values local and global equity and fairness across generations into the future. Actions for a more sustainable future reflect values of care, respect and responsibility.



(In the photo, note toys for swapping, and a little bag of tokens).

### You will need

- Tokens, such as bottle tops: a total of three per child
- Up to three pre-loved toys from each child (not broken toys)

### Method

To organize a toy swap, see [How to host a toy swap](#).

Essentially, to organise a toy swap, every child brings in an unwanted (but not broken) toy (or up to three), and in turn receives a token e.g. a bottle top, for every toy. Somebody lays the toys out in a spare area or room, then the children come back at a later time and use that token to ‘buy’ a toy from the donated toys in the room. Any dispute is handled by ‘paper, scissors, rock’.

Reinforce the RRR message and discuss what we are doing by swapping toys (e.g. *avoiding the urge to buy a new toy, appreciating a second-hand item, re-using, avoiding landfill*). Discuss the phrase “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”.

### Reference

Thirty Handmade Days (2019) How to Host a Toy Swap, viewed 15 February 2021, [www.thirtyhandmadedays.com/how-to-host-a-toy-swap](http://www.thirtyhandmadedays.com/how-to-host-a-toy-swap)