



## What is a Schema? Why is it important?



Schemas are repeated patterns of behavior that children will go through in order to explore their environment. The answer to "Why do they always have to do that?" is "Because, that's how they learn".

The 9 schemas associated with children are:  
Trajectory, Transporting, Enveloping, Orientation, Positioning, Rotational, Transformation, Connecting and Containment.

## Transporting

The movement of things from one place to another



**Carries multiple things at one time.**  
**Moves things around the room.**  
**Fills bags, bins, and boxes to move things.**  
**Fascinated with vehicles that transport.**



### Ways to encourage exploration:

- Bags, backpacks, containers, wheel barrows, buckets
- Loose parts to transport (small blocks)
- Dump trucks
- Moveable furniture
- Heavy objects to move (stacks of books, sand & pails)



**Language to use:** heavy, light, here, there, into, onto, push, pull