Learning Goal

Practice using spatial words to describe where objects are located.

What You’ll Need

- Aluminum foil
- Cardboard containers, boxes or tubes
- Construction paper
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners
- Buttons
- Bottle caps
- Tape or glue

Steps

1. Make a robot! Find two recycled boxes for the head and body of your robot. Wrap with foil and glue together. Add arms, legs, buttons and antennae to your robot, using buttons, construction paper shapes, pipe cleaners and googly eyes.

2. Make a spaceship! Choose another recycled box for your spaceship and wrap it in foil. Decorate.

3. Create a story! Create a story about your robot using spatial words to explain why or where the spaceship is moving. Encourage your child to act out the story using the robot and spaceship.

Spatial words: above, below, around, next to, on top of, behind, in front of, beside, to the left of, to the right of, up, down, in between.

Talk Together

- Can you make your robot walk around your spaceship?
- Where in this room do you want the robot to land the spaceship?

Book Suggestion

Lejos/Far,
written by Juan Felipe Herrera and illustrated by Blanca Gómez

Online Game

The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That: Bridge-a-Rama
pbskids.org/catinthehat/games/bridge-a-rama

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