

# Making Boats that Float Out of Everyday Materials

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What Makes a Boat Float?



Boats that Float - Workshop with year four pupils at Ridgefield Primary School

This was an afternoon session for year four pupils at [Ridgefield Primary School](#), Cambridge.



Getting started! Exploring the materials and gathering ideas...

This session was aimed at children who love making, and was limited to eight pupils, to allow for a rich and rewarding experience and plenty of time to play with and explore materials.

We kicked off the session by asking the question -  
- "What makes a boat float?" - and looked at the shapes of some toy boats.

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