

Wooden Emotion Pebble Family

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This delightful family of pebble characters now show five different emotions. These smooth, wooden shaped pebbles are designed to be open-ended and versatile. The children will choose how they wish to involve them in their play as they are perfect for non-directed play but also for adult-led activities.

- Children are able to explore different emotions by exploring these smooth pebbles. You could set out a small world table with mirrors where the children could copy the facial expressions.
- Set out a small world location with this family of pebbles. You could encourage children to think about emotions by saying; I wonder why the big pebble is so happy, I wonder why the little pebble looks worried etc. Children may choose to use the pebbles to illustrate familiar stories or even stories about their own lives. It is a great opportunity for children to explore why we feel these emotions.
- These pebbles are a wonderful small world resource where children can lead non-directed play. They can decide on the characters, their actions, their names, their adventures and even the emotions. Allow the children time to explore these characters and to make up their own role play and small world scenarios. They may give names to each pebble. Enable the children to have access to additional materials to extend their play.
- You could set out a pebble activity using a variety of pebbles you and the children may have found (risk assess). It could be an alien landscape. Extend by setting out marker pens so that children could draw emotions on other pebbles.
- These Emotion Pebbles are a great way to further children's language as you can bring in new words such as; cheerful, overjoyed, melancholy, sorrow, anxious, panicked, concerned, distressed, enrage, irritable etc. You could place these pebbles with Mr Men and Little Miss Books by Roger Hargreaves for children to explore past experiences with these emotions.
- For children who are not using verbal language or who use English as an additional language they can bridge barriers. Give the pebbles to the child and they can use the pebbles for the emotions they are feeling.
- Incorporate these into a treasure basket for younger children. When the child picks up a pebble you can make the facial expression. Children learn facial expressions from adults who care for them and is a perfect activity to build relationships and attachments.
- The Emotion Pebbles are of two different sizes and weights. You could put these in a maths provocation. Children can explore the different sizes and count groups of objects.
- The pebbles can be transformed into all kinds of different characters. Some children may see them as sea creatures, aliens, bugs etc.