



Photo Block Buildings Around the World – Set of 9

Here's What You Get!

- 9 Wooden Blocks
- Teacher's Activity Guide

Introduction

Block play fosters development in all areas of cognition and motor skills. Adding block accessories introduces an element of dramatic play and serves to extend self-expression, creativity, and social skills. The Excellerations® Photo Block Buildings Around the World set adds a new dimension to block play with real photographs of buildings from different regions around the world.

Today, there are many different types of buildings around the world – some unique and some common. In this set of blocks, you will find all unique buildings, including some that are famous. Use this set of blocks with our Photo Block Multicultural Play People – Set of 18 to teach about the buildings and the people that live in them from each of these regions around the world.

Use the Excellerations® Photo Block Buildings Around the World set to address these Head Start Early Childhood Learning Outcomes:

- **IT-C 13:** Child uses pretend play to increase understanding of culture, environment, and experiences.
- **P-ATL 11:** Child shows interest in and curiosity about the world around them.
- **P-ATL 13:** Child uses imagination in play and interactions with others.

Suggested Activities

I Know Buildings!

Discuss different buildings that the children might know from their own town, state, or country. Some of these buildings may be famous and some may be common buildings. Encourage the children to look at the pictures on the blocks to compare buildings they are familiar with. Guide the children to understand that people everywhere encounter or reside in different types of buildings.

Comparing Buildings

Take one block and identify one of the shapes that you see in the picture. Practice saying the name of the shape aloud with the children. Then, encourage them to find that same shape using the other blocks. Extend this activity by comparing the elements of each building. Are the buildings the same shape? How are they the same? How are they different? Do they all have windows? Doors? Is your house like any of these buildings?

Which Building Do You Want to Visit?

As the children play with the pieces and express interest in the different buildings, extend their vocabulary and awareness of the world by talking about which building they would like to visit, and why. Ask them who they would take with them to visit and what they would do there. Extend this activity by drawing a picture of the building.

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Saudi Arabia



Japan



China



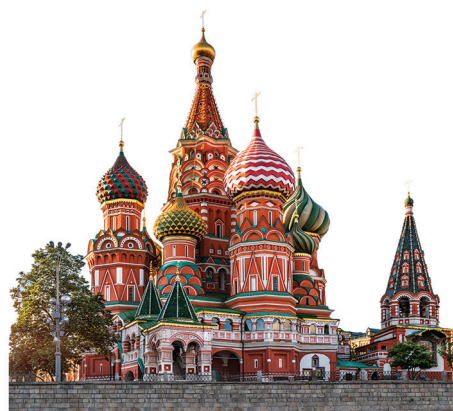
Mexico



Germany



India



Russia



Native American



Kenya