

Fun with shapes!

FIND IT! SHAPE SCAVENGER HUNT

Shapes are everywhere! Challenge your child by asking these questions:

- How many different shapes can you find in a specific room of your home?
- Do you see any decorations that have circles? Triangles? Squares?
- Have your son or daughter count as many circles as they can find in your kitchen. Can they find more than ten?

TRY IT! SHIFTY SHAPES

This is a fun game that will help your child practice identifying different shapes (and maybe get them to clean up their room!)

What will you need?

- Any kind of tape
- Lots of different objects!
- A timer or some music

How do you do it?

- Create large shapes out of tape on the floor. You might try a circle, square, rectangle, or triangle to start.
- Set a time limit or explain that your child will have the length of one song to find as many objects as possible that are the same shape.
- Turn on the music or set the timer and watch them go!
- When they have finished, help them count how many different examples of each shape they found. Which was the most common?
- Bonus! As you clean up from the game, see if your child can make certain shapes with their hands or whole bodies.



BOOKS ABOUT SHAPES

The following books are great ways to keep talking about shapes with your child.

Perfect Square by Michael Hall

Lots of Dots by Craig Frazer

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes by Tana Hoban

Press Here by Hervé Tullet

Mouse Shapes by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Shape by Shape by Suse MacDonald

MORE FUN WAYS TO LEARN AND BE CREATIVE

- As you set the table for a meal, ask questions such as “What do you see here that is shaped like a square?” “Do you see any circles?” “What shape is the table?”
- Present foods in a fun way. Cut sandwiches into shapes such as triangles or circles.
- Let your child play with a deck of cards. Sorting them by colors or numbers will help him or her to develop skills that are important for learning math.
- Trying new things can be scary to children but it is a critical part of learning. Make a game out of trying new things. Try one new thing during the day, with your child, then at the end of the day, talk about what you tried. You can cut out pictures of “Things Tried” and display them on your refrigerator.
- Sometimes, young children have to try many times before completing or learning something. Talk to your child about something that was hard to do at first, but now she or he does easily.