

Shape Adventures

Encourage your child to find shapes when you're out and about for a walk. Enjoy spotting different shapes on road signs, pavement slabs, windows. Notice the different sizes of homes. Talk together about shapes that are the same and those that are different. Praise your child for having a go. You can have more fun by repeating your child's comments and adding more words to extend their vocabulary.



Supporting your child to develop their language

Repeating comments and words can help your child to remember, so then it can be easier for your child to use words themselves and help with their communication.

Words to share

Square, circle, triangle, rectangle

Making it work for your family

This activity can take place at any time whilst on a walk.

Keep it simple at first by starting with one shape. As your child becomes confident, add another shape.

Next time you could try ...

remembering together the things you spotted on the last walk - this can help with your child's memory, another important skill for early maths. Look out for shapes when you go on a different route or to a new place.

Look all around you, **talk together** about the things you see, **recap together** on what you have enjoyed - children enjoy doing the same activity again and again and again - this really helps them to learn and remember.