



Shape Detectives Scavenger Hunt



Community Heroes are going to transform into Shape Detectives as they travel around the house and/or explore outside to spot shapes all around us. So get your Detective items ready to enjoy this pretend play and serious fun activity.

Items required

- Pencil
- Clipboard
- Shape templates
- Detective dress up optional

Steps

- Print out the Scavenger Hunt list.
- Put the list on a clip board. Don't worry if you don't have a clipboard, you can find something flat to press on when writing.
- Encourage your Shape Detective to look all around to find the shapes.

Tips

- A scavenger hunt can be done various ways:
 - Draw the items as they are found
 - Collect the shapes on the list (if indoors) and sort them into their shape group
 - Play eye-spy to help your Community Hero find an object that resembles one of the shapes
- The Neighbourhood hunt is for outside. For older children, you can make it into a game by timing how long it takes to complete or challenging siblings to see who can find the first 5 shapes or complete the list.

Grow young brains

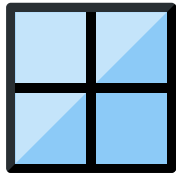
- Language: talking about shapes helps describe the world around us, opening up new and exciting avenues for verbal communication.
- Recognition: Shapes are great for practising same and different which is the start to recognising distinctive traits objects can have - size, sides, length, colour.
- Sorting and categorising: once the basic same or different concept is understood, children can move into more complicated categorisation. Such as what else is the shape of a square? or circle?
- Maths: Geometry is in part the study of shapes. Having a basic understanding of shapes from a young age helps make maths easier for children. One reason is that an understanding the characteristics of shapes involves a lot of counting. How many sides does a shape have?





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On your neighbourhood walk, can you find these shapes
and tick them off below?



Square window



Triangle road sign



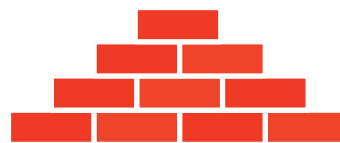
Triangle roof



Rectangle bus



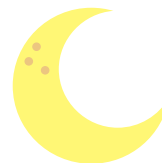
Octagon stop sign



Rectangle Bricks



Rectangle For Sale sign



Crescent moon or round moon



Circle wheels



Rectangle traffic light



Rectangle door



Rectangle road or road markings



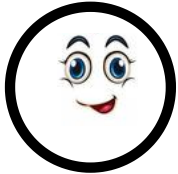


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Can you find these shapes in your house or around your neighbourhood and draw what you find below?

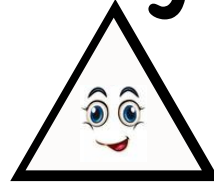
Circle



Square



Triangle



Rectangle

