

2D Shapes

Colouring Shapes	<p>Help your child to colour in these 2D shape pictures. As you colour, talk about the different shapes that are used and why. Discuss the sides and vertices (corners) of the shapes. For example, encourage your child to talk about why wheels have one curved side and no corners, or to consider the shapes used to represent sharp teeth and why.</p>
2D Shape Playdough Mats	<p>Have fun finishing the pictures on the mats by making different shapes from playdough. Encourage your child to talk about the properties of the shapes they are making. Do they have any vertices (corners)? Are their sides straight or curved? How many sides do they have? Would any other shape do the job as well or better? You could also look for similarities and differences between the shapes together.</p>
Lolly Stick 2D Shape Cards	<p>Make the different shapes on the cards using lolly sticks, twigs from the garden or any other straight objects you may have in the house. You could even cut strips of paper or card. Start to talk to your child about the names of the different shapes, how many sides they have and how many vertices (corners). Offer challenges, such as asking your child how many sticks they will need to make a triangle or inviting them to think about whether all their sticks need to be the same length. Ask them whether they could make a circle from lolly sticks or not. Why? What could they use instead?</p>
2D Shapes What Can You See? PowerPoint	<p>Go on a shape hunt around your house and garden. Look for examples of different shapes in the environment and talk to your child about the names of the shapes they can see. You could make a simple tally chart by drawing basic shapes on a sheet and letting your child make a mark against a shape every time they see it. Talk about which shapes they saw the most and least. Then, look at this lovely PowerPoint which contains beautiful photos showing different shapes in the world around us.</p>
Pizza 2D Shape Matching Activity	<p>Let your child practise their scissor skills by cutting out the different toppings. Then, encourage them to put the correct topping on each pizza according to the shape. As they sort the shapes, talk about why they are choosing each topping and the properties and names of the different shapes. Can your child find any real foods at home that have the shapes they are learning about?</p>

