



SHAPE SORT

Level	0 (Age group 4 – 5)
Resources Required	Objects that look like different geometric shapes (at least 5 per student) Tape
Alternate Options for the Resources	You can use string or chalk instead of tape. Alternatively, if students use small objects, you can also create the shape categories using pencil and paper. Children can cut geometric shapes out of paper or they can hunt household objects in these shapes for example a box as a square, a circle bottle cap or cooking pan, a phone or box cover as a rectangle or a leaf shaped like triangles
Strand Covered	Shapes & Measurements
Targeted Skills	Recognizing shapes, Articulating attributes of a shape.
Inspired by	Busy Toddler
Time Required	15 minutes (to play the game) 10 minutes (setup and time to collect objects)
Previous Learning Required	Knowledge of shapes and their attributes.
Support Required	Medium supervision

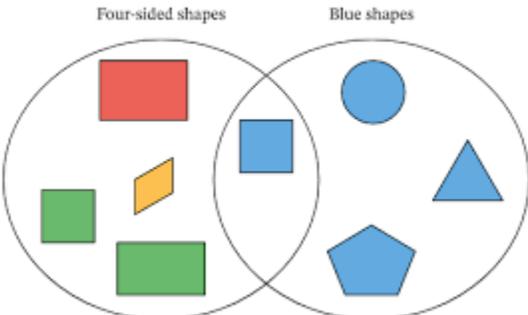
Rules of the Game:

Goal	The first player to sort all of their shapes correctly earns the maximum number of points to win.
Rules	Each player gets 3 tries to sort the object correctly. Players get 2 points for every accurate sorting of an object on the first try and then only 1 point for sorting of any object on subsequent tries.



Steps	<p>Step 1: The adult chooses 3 shapes to practice e.g. circle, square, triangle or rectangle etc. and recreates these 3 large shapes on the ground out of tape or with chalk for each player. Refer to the images and illustrations for examples of the shapes</p> <p>Step 2: The adult gives each student 5 simple objects of different shapes</p> <p>Step 3: The adult can then ask the players to start and they race to sort out their objects into the various shapes</p> <p>Step 4: The player that finishes first and accurately gets 2 points for each object sorted accurately.</p> <p>Step 5: If the player made mistakes, they can try again for 1 point for every accurate sorting</p> <p>The student with the maximum number of points wins the game.</p>
Images or Illustrations	 <p>Image from Busy Toddler.</p> <p>Venn Diagram</p>
Variations of the Game	<p>Instead of giving players the objects, they can find objects from their home themselves and place it in the shapes. Adults will call out the name of one of the shapes and players have to quickly find as many items of the shape as possible</p>



	<p>and place it in the chalk / tape marked shape. Players will get 1 point for every accurate object. The player with the most points will win. For example, the adult calls out “circle” and players come back with bottle caps, bowls etc. and place it in the accurate circle shape.</p>
Enrichment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use more complex shapes, like hexagons, octagons, stars, and crosses.• Provide students with more than 5 objects to sort.• Create categories that overlap, like blue, four sides etc. Using tape, you can make a venn diagram (as shown in the image) instead of having separate areas. <p>Objects having similar shapes can be place together in one circle. If an object belongs to more than one category, the student places the object in the overlapping region.</p> 
Simplification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give each student fewer than 5 objects to sort.• Have students work in pairs or teams.