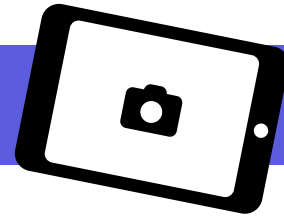




Extended Learning for Educators
SHAPE SAFARI



Purpose To immerse children in the shapes that make up our world

Learning Goals

- Fluently identify shapes in illustrations and objects
- Represent and describe objects according to their shapes
- View the environment as comprised of shapes

What You Need

- Picture books
- Tablet or phone camera
- Scissors
- Paper
- Glue

Step 1 Ask children to select one shape: circle, square, or triangle. Tell them you're going on a shape safari to find this hidden shape in the world!

Step 2 Start by searching for the hidden shape in picture books. Take turns identifying the shape. Point out examples that children may miss.

Step 3 Look for the hidden shape together in objects around you. Ask children to take photos of what they find. If children need assistance, ask guided questions such as, "Can you find a circle in that cup?"

Step 4 Have children point out the hidden shape in their photos. Switch roles and ask children to find the hidden shape in photos you take.

Step 5 Play shape safari with the three basic shapes. For an added challenge, ask children to find objects with *more than one* hidden shape.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW!

- Go on an outdoor shape safari where children can search for shapes in the natural world. Ask children to find as many shapes as they can. Encourage them to look for natural elements with multiple shapes, such as leaves or flowers.
- Cut out a variety of paper circles, squares, and triangles. Have children recreate their shape safari photos with the cutout shapes. Children can glue the shapes to a sheet of paper, Picasso-style!