



Close Your Eyes and Feel the Shape

Close your eyes and discover each shape with your hands.

Helps Your Child Grow



Geometry and Spatial Sense

Feeling the edges and corners of a shape without looking helps your child notice and compare defining features of different shapes.



Communicating and Speaking

As your child explains their answer, they practice using words such as "side," "corner," "long," and "short" to describe a shape more clearly.

Steps

- Cut sturdy cardboard into several shapes, such as a circle, triangle, rectangle, square, and pentagon.
- Before the game, feel each shape together and name its features: a circle has one smooth curved edge, a triangle has three corners, and a rectangle has two long sides and two short sides.
- Ask your child to close their eyes, choose one shape card, and feel it. "What shape do you think it is?"
- A circle may be easy to recognize, while a rectangle and pentagon can take more careful exploration.
- If the first guess is not right, ask about a defining feature. If your child calls a rectangle a square, for example, ask, "Are all four sides the same length?"
- When the guess is right, ask, "How many sides did you feel? How many corners?" to revisit the clues.
- Then switch roles. Let your child choose a shape and see whether you can identify it by touch.

Tips

- Counting sides and corners without looking can be confusing. Your child can hold one corner or side with one hand as a starting point, then trace all the way around with the other.
- If they still cannot identify the shape, open their eyes and compare what they felt with what they see.

Observations

- Identifies a shape by feeling only its edges and corners
- Uses words such as "edge" and "corner" to describe the shape they are holding