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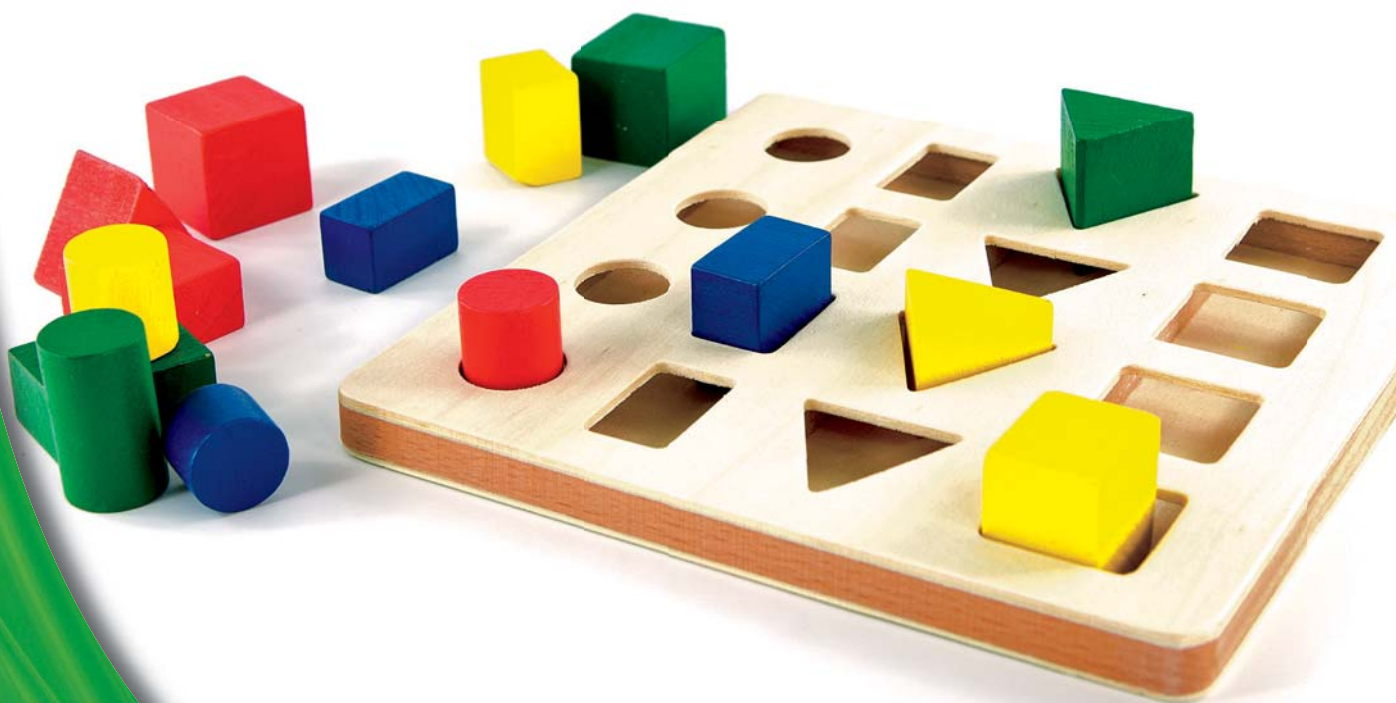
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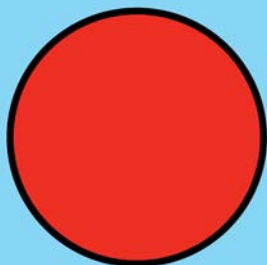


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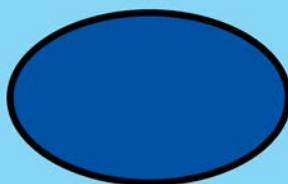
Sorting means putting alike things into groups.

Let's try sorting shapes!

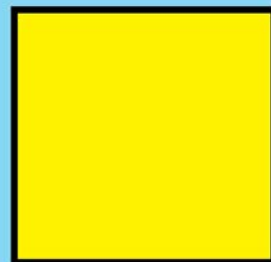
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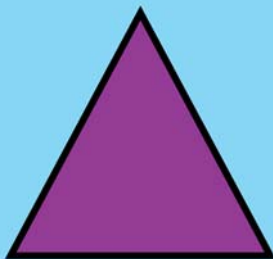
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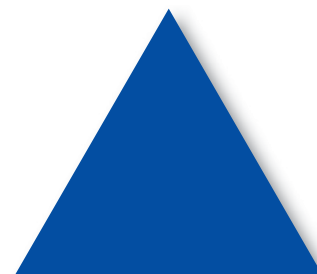
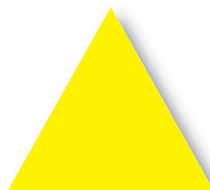
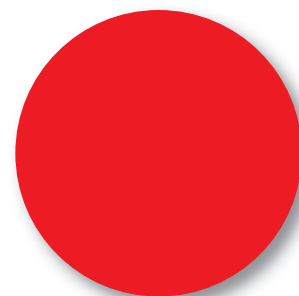
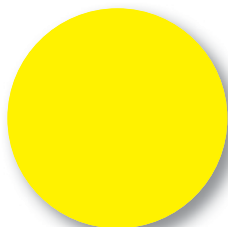


# Flat Shapes

Shapes are the forms of things.

Some shapes are **two-dimensional**.

They are flat.



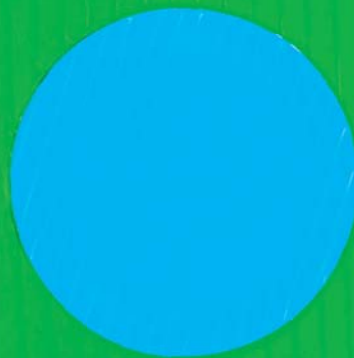
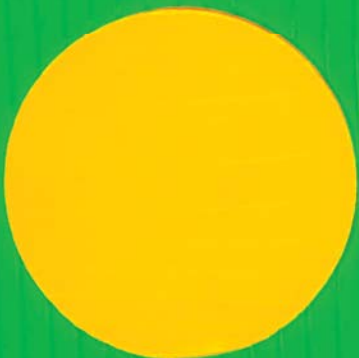
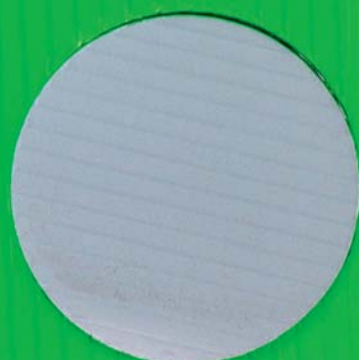
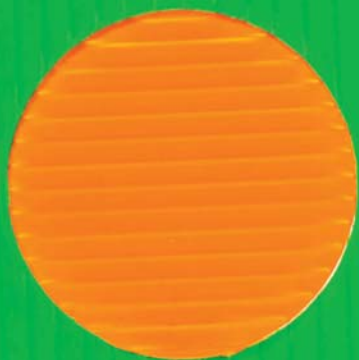
**What Do You See?**

How many sides does a square have?

Circles and squares are flat. So are triangles.

We can sort flat shapes by how they look.

Triangles have three sides.





Let's sort circles into a group.

One shape doesn't belong.

Why is the square **different**?



# Real-Life Shapes

Some shapes are **three-dimensional**.

They are not flat.

Jess's toys are shaped like this.



**What Do You See?**

What colors are Jess's blocks?



Jess sorts her toys by shape.

Blocks are shaped like **cubes**.

Marbles are shaped like  
**spheres**.



# Store Shapes

Zach sorts shapes at the store.

What shapes do you see?





Jars are **cylinders**.

Zach sorts them into a group.

**Cones** go in a different group.



**What Do You See?**

How many objects can you  
count in this picture?

What shapes are on this page?

How can you sort them?

# Find Out More

## BOOK

Cohen, Marina. *3-D Shapes*. New York: Crabtree, 2011.

## WEB SITE

**Curious George: I Love Shapes**

[pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/games/i\\_love\\_shapes/i\\_love\\_shapes.html](http://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/games/i_love_shapes/i_love_shapes.html)

Help George sort the shapes. You'll have to be quick!

## Glossary

**cones** (KOHNS) shapes with a round base on one end and a point on the other end

**cubes** (KYO OBS) shapes with six square sides

**cylinders** (SIL-uhn-durs) shapes with flat, circular ends and curved sides

**different** (DIF-ur-uhnt) not the same

**spheres** (SFEERS) shapes that are perfectly round balls

**three-dimensional** (THREE duh-MEN-shuh-nuhl) having length, width, and height

**two-dimensional** (TOO duh-MEN-shuh-nuhl) having length and width

# Home and School Connection

Use this list of words from the book to help your child become a better reader. Word games and writing activities can help beginning readers reinforce literacy skills.

alike	flat	shapes	three-
blocks	forms	sides	dimensional
circles	group	sort	toys
colors	jars	spheres	triangles
cones	marbles	square	two-
cubes	objects	store	dimensional
cylinders	page	things	
different			

## What Do You See?

What Do You See? is a feature paired with select photos in this book. It encourages young readers to interact with visual images in order to build the ability to integrate content in various media formats.

You can help your child further evaluate photos in this book with additional activities. Look at the images in the book without the What Do You See? feature. Ask your child to describe one detail in each image, such as a color, activity, or setting.

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