Shape Sort Fun

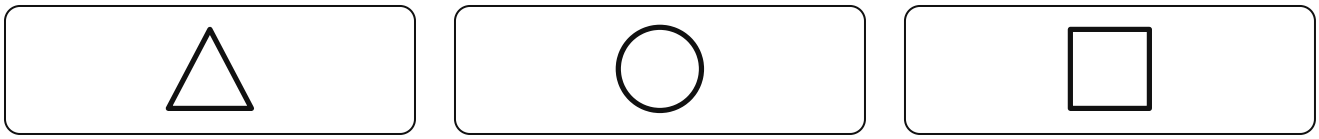
Students sort and match shapes by one attribute, shape.

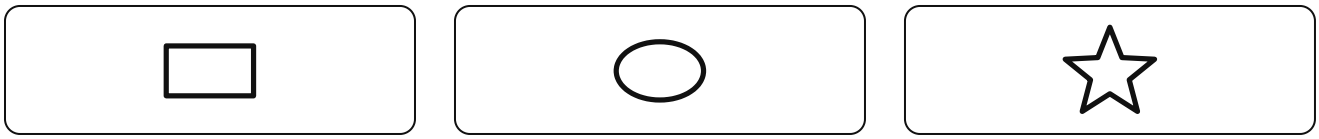
K.PS.1.a "Sort and classify concrete objects into appropriate subsets (categories) based on one attribute (e.g., size, shape, color, thickness)."

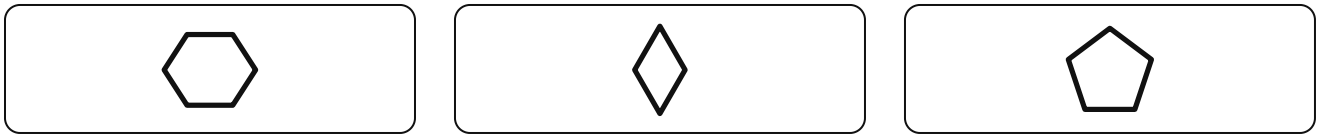
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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

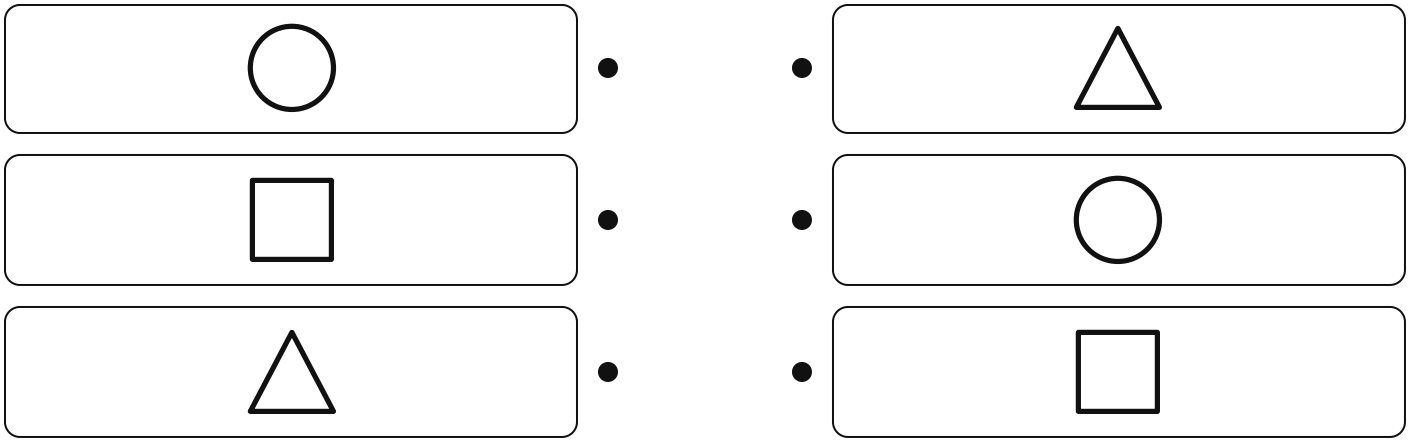
1 SHAPE GROUPS

a 

b 

c 

2 MATCH SHAPES



ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Before class, prepare per child six same-color paper cutouts: two circles, two squares and two triangles. Mix them and supply three mats labeled with a circle, square and triangle picture. Read all prompts aloud. After the printed matching, each child sorts all six physical cutouts by shape onto the matching mats and explains the one sorting attribute. Observe the actual grouping; help children name shapes orally.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · SHAPE GROUPS

SAY "Look at each row with me. Listen to the question, look at every shape, and circle one shape for each question."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which shape belongs in the triangle group? Circle it.	**triangle**
b	Which shape belongs in the oval group? Circle it.	**oval**
c	Which shape belongs in the pentagon group? Circle it.	**pentagon**

PART 2 · MATCH SHAPES

SAY "Look at the shapes in the left column and the shapes in the right column. Can you draw a line from each shape to the same kind of shape? Then take your six mixed paper pieces. Put all circles together on the circle mat, all squares on the square mat, and all triangles on the triangle mat. Show me every group and tell me how the pieces in a group are alike."

- **circle** matches **circle**
- **square** matches **square**
- **triangle** matches **triangle**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Accept a circle around the triangle, oval, and pentagon in the three rows. Lines should connect circle to circle, square to square, and triangle to triangle. Also require actual sorting of the six supplied cutouts: two circles on the circle mat, two squares on the square mat and two triangles on the triangle mat, with shape as the single attribute. Accept an oral or pointed explanation and adult recording. Printed matches alone do not finish the concrete sorting.