

# The Shape of Things

## **CHALLENGING WORDS**

caboose  
circle  
diamond  
oval  
patient  
rectangle  
seagull  
square  
triangle  
windows

## **SUMMARY**

A clever book of shapes. It takes different shapes and shows how they work together to create things. See how a square becomes a house and a triangle becomes a sailboat.

## --- Conversation Questions---

**(1) Retell the book in your own words.**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Name some shapes.

**(2) Imagine you're an inventor, what shapes would you use for your invention?**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Tell about something you've built.

**(3) Picture a house in your mind. What shapes do you see.**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** What shapes do you see in the sky?

**(4) Explain what a caboose is.**

**(Answer)** The end of a train.

**(Follow Up)** Describe what a caboose looks like.

**(5) On page 2, what is the book describing?**

**(Answer)** A Ferris wheel

**(Follow Up)** Tell about a Ferris wheel you've been on.

**(6) Find the page with a sailboat.**

**(Answer)** Page 3.

**(Follow Up)** What passes by?

**(7) Count the cars on the train on page 4.**

**(Answer)** Five.

**(Follow Up)** What colors are they.

**(8) Guess what the oval is.**

**(Answer)** An egg.

**(Follow Up)** What is the Mother hen doing?

**(9) Look on page 6. What has a string and a tail?**

**(Answer)** A kite.

**(Follow Up)** Tell about your own kite.

**(10)**

**(Answer)**

**(Follow Up)**

## **Activities**

1. Draw and label each shape in the book.
2. Write a sentence about each shape in the book.
3. List ways shapes are used each day.
4. Describe the shape of something and see if your coach can read your description and figure out what shape you have described.

## **Introduction**

1. Have child make something with different shaped blocks. Let's read The Shape of Things and learn about how shapes are used.
2. Cut out different shapes. Ask student how shapes are used everyday. Let's read The Shape of Things and learn more about shapes.
3. Put different shape blocks in a bag. Let child reach in and feel of each block and guess which shape it is. Remove each block as child correctly guesses. Let's read The Shape of Things.

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<b>Building Oral Vocabulary</b>					
<b>4</b>	<b>track</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>patient</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>amusement park</b>
<b>Prediction Questions</b>					
<b>2</b>	<b>Guess what shape is next.</b>				
<b>6</b>	<b>What is a kite tail made of?</b>				
<b>9</b>	<b>Count the triangles in the lake.</b>				
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