

Maths Vocabulary for Reception: Shape and Space

The vocabulary that young children are expected to know is quite challenging and none more so than in Shape and Space. Children are expected to be able to explore shapes, talk about their properties and know the names of the 2D and 3D shapes below.

EXPLORING PATTERNS, SHAPE AND SPACE

shape, pattern

flat

curved, straight

round

hollow, solid

corner

face, side, edge, end

sort

make, build, draw

3D SHAPES

cube

pyramid

sphere

cone

2D SHAPES

circle

triangle

square

rectangle

star

PATTERNS AND SYMMETRY

size

bigger, larger, smaller

symmetrical

repeating pattern

match

shape

pattern

flat

curved

straight

round

hollow

solid

corner

face

side

edge

end

sort

make

build

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