

1

Same and different

Pairs take two cards at a time from a pile and say one thing that is the same and one thing that is different, then swap one card and say it again.

"One thing the same, one thing different. Say both."

"Now swap one card. Has your answer changed?"

2

Sides, corners, straight or curved

Pairs take a triangle, a square, a rectangle and a circle and record the number of sides, the number of corners and whether the sides are straight or curved for each one.

"How many sides and how many corners?"

"Are the sides straight or curved? How does that help you name it?"

3

Find all of them

Give each pair a card and a spread of cards and ask them to find every card that is the same shape, with some turned and some a different size, then say why each one belongs.

"Find every one that is the same shape as yours."

"This one is turned. Why does it still belong?"

4

A shape hunt with a card in your hand

Pairs take one card each and walk the room to find three things that are the same shape as their card. They write or draw each one, then say one thing that is different about it.

"Hold your card against it. Does it have the same number of sides and corners?"

"Now tell me one thing that is different about the real thing."

5

The pile of triangles

Give groups a pile holding five different triangles, including a tall thin one sitting on a corner, and three rectangles, and ask them to pull out all the triangles and say why each one is a triangle.

"Why is that one a triangle, when it looks so different?"

"Does the colour or the size change your answer?"

Print one set and cut along the dashed lines. Print each page on a different colour of paper, or colour the shapes in, so the same shape turns up in more than one colour.





