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Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify and describe the relationship between circle features, including the radius, diameter, arc, chord, sector, segment of a circle, and a tangent to a circle.

Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencil
- Ruler

No prior knowledge required, just bring your enthusiasm for learning!

Activities

- Create Your Circle: Draw a large circle on paper and label the radius, diameter, arc, chord, sector, and segment.
- Circle Scavenger Hunt: Find objects around your house that are circular and identify the different features of each.
- Tangent Art: Draw a circle and then draw a tangent line that just touches the circle at one point. Observe the relationship between the tangent and the circle.

Talking Points

- Radius: "The radius is like the spoke of a wheel, it goes from the center of the circle to any point on the circle."
- Diameter: "The diameter is a line that cuts the circle in half, passing through the center."
- Arc: "An arc is like a portion of the circle's circumference, like a slice of pizza."
- Chord: "A chord is a line segment that connects two points on the circle, it doesn't have to pass through the center."
- Sector: "A sector is like a slice of pie, it's the area enclosed by two radii and the arc between them."
- Segment: "A segment is the region enclosed by a chord and the arc subtended by the chord."
- Tangent: "A tangent is a line that touches the circle at exactly one point, like a car just grazing a curve."