

Shape Safari Adventure! (15 Minutes)

Materials Needed:

- Plain paper
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Optional: Pre-cut paper shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle) for reference
- Optional: Toy binoculars or a paper tube to act as one (to make it feel like a real safari!)

Get Ready, Explorer! (2 minutes)

Hello, Safari Explorer! Today, we're going on a very special Shape Safari! We're going to look for hidden shapes all around us. Are you ready?

We'll be looking for these awesome shapes:

- **Circles:** Round like a ball! (Teacher makes a circle with hands)
- **Squares:** With four sides all the same! (Teacher makes a square with hands)
- **Triangles:** It has three pointy corners! (Teacher makes a triangle with hands)
- **Rectangles:** Like a door, with two long sides and two short sides!

Can you show me how to make these shapes with your hands?

Let's Go on Safari! (5 minutes)

Okay, Explorer, grab your (pretend) binoculars! Let's hunt for shapes in our room or house!

1. "First, can you find something that is a **CIRCLE**? ... Go find it! ... Wow, what did you find? How do you know it's a circle?" (Encourage description like 'it's round', 'no corners')
2. "Next, let's look for a **SQUARE**! ... Go! ... What square did you discover? How many sides does it have?" (Guide to count to 4)
3. "Now, hunt for a **TRIANGLE**! This one can be tricky! ... Amazing! Tell me about your triangle. How many corners?" (Guide to count to 3)
4. "Last one for our hunt: a **RECTANGLE**! ... What did you spot? Is it like a square or different?" (Discuss long/short sides)

You are a super shape spotter!

Creative Shape Art! (6 minutes)

Now that we're shape experts, let's use our paper and crayons to make a shape picture! This is where you get to be super creative!

- What can you build with shapes? Maybe a house using a square for the bottom and a triangle for the roof?
- What about a bright sun using a circle? Or a train with rectangle cars and circle wheels?
- You can make animals, robots, flowers, anything you imagine!

Draw any picture you like using lots of different shapes. As you draw, tell me about the shapes you are using and why you chose them!

Safari Success! (2 minutes)

Look at your fantastic shape artwork! You didn't just find shapes; you USED them to create something totally new and unique!

What was your favorite shape to use in your art today? Why was it fun to create with it?

Great job being a Shape Explorer! Remember, shapes are building blocks for so many things in our world!