

What DO You Call That Shape?

How many kinds of shapes can you name? If something is flat and round, what do you call it? You call it a circle. What can you see around you that looks like a circle?

Another flat shape is a square. A square has four sides. Each side is the same length. A square has four corners called right angles.

A tri-ang-le is also flat. The pre-fix tri- on the base word ang-le means "three." A tri-ang-le al-ways has three sides and three ang-les.

All the pa-ges of this book have four square cor-ners, but the pa-ges are not square. Can you tell why not? It is be-cause the sides of each pa-ge are longer than the ends. Shapes like this are re-c-tang-les. You can say that they are re-c-tang-u-lar in shapes.

Do you know the names of o-ther flat shapes? Try to find out what a hex-a-gon looks like. Soon you will learn the names of shapes that are not flat. Do you know any of the se names now?