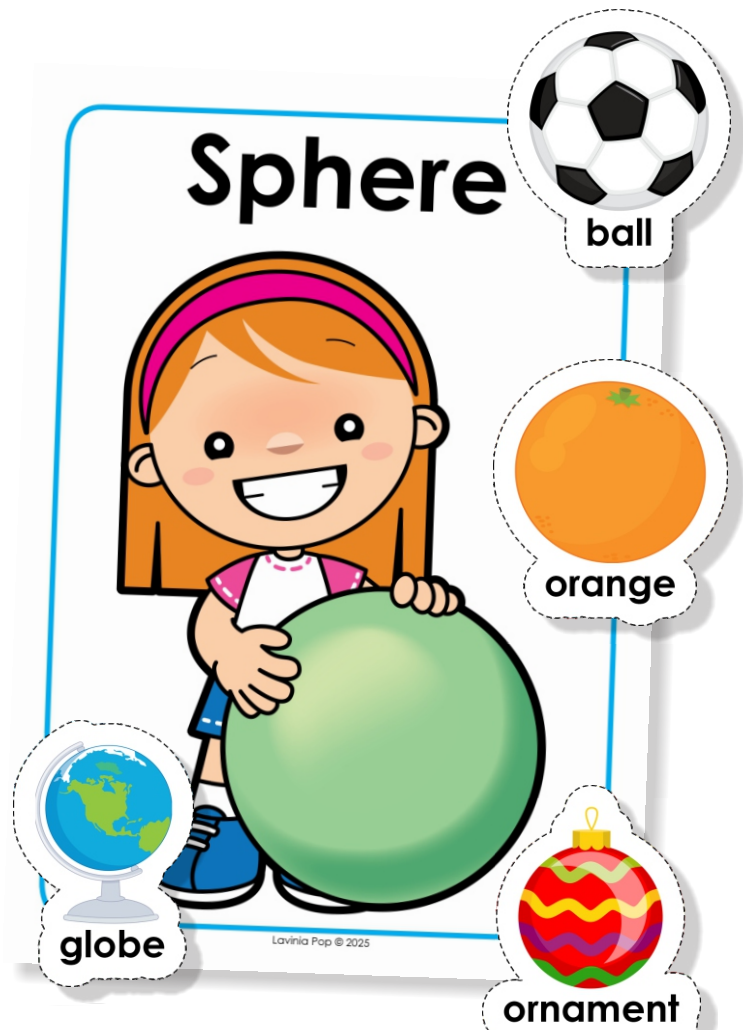


3D shape sorting

PRINTABLE ACTIVITY

Cone, cube, cylinder, pyramid (square), sphere, rectangular prism, triangular prism



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Introduction

This resource is designed to help children recognize, name, and sort real-world objects by their 3D shape. It includes 7 shape mats and 28 matching object cards for the following shapes:

- **Cone:** safety cone, ice cream cone, party hat, seashell
- **Cube:** blocks, dice, ice cube, gift box
- **Cylinder:** cat food tin, battery, candle, glue stick
- **Pyramid (square):** Egyptian pyramid, cheese grater, roof, mountain
- **Sphere:** ball, orange, globe, ornament
- **Rectangular Prism:** cereal box, book, brick, juice box
- **Triangular Prism:** cheese wedge, cake slice, roof, tent

Each shape mat features a large image of a child holding a 3D shape. These mats can be used in two ways:

1. **Sorting Mat:** Lay the mat flat and have children match the four printed object cards to the correct shape.
2. **Poster Display:** Use the mats on a bulletin board, classroom wall, or math center to support shape vocabulary and recognition.

To prepare:

1. Print all pages
2. Laminate the shape mats and object cards for durability
3. Cut out the object cards along the dashed lines

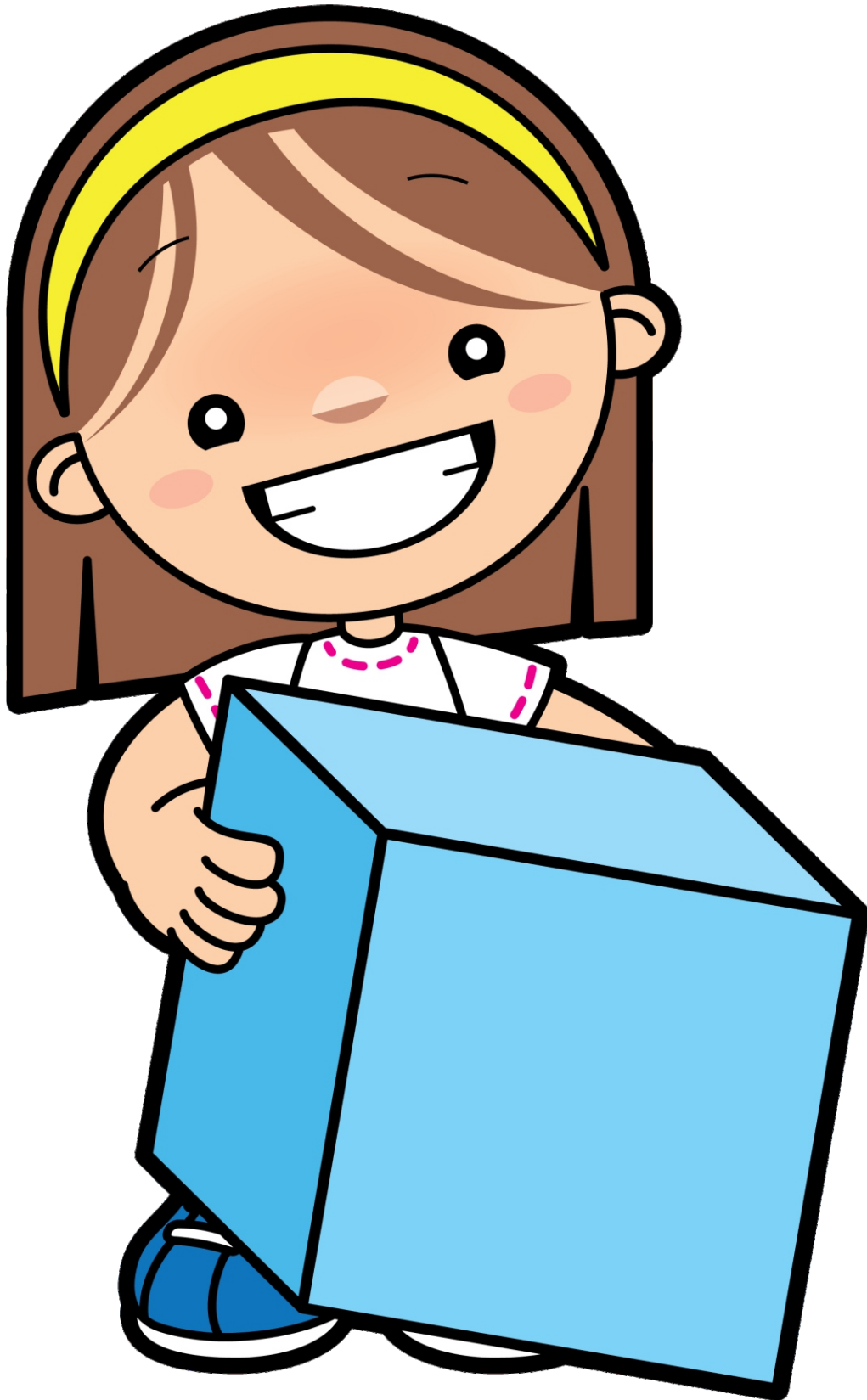
Extension Ideas:

- **Sort real-life objects:** Invite children to find and sort real items from the classroom or home onto each mat. This builds real-world connections and encourages hands-on exploration.
- **Shape scavenger hunt:** Place the shape mats around the room. Have students walk around with one object card at a time (or a real object) and find the correct mat to match it. This adds movement and encourages independent thinking.

This resource is ideal for math centers, small group instruction, shape investigations, and whole-class exploration. It supports shape recognition, visual discrimination, fine motor skills, and early vocabulary development.

Happy Teaching :)

Cube



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