



Storytime Activity Guide

Moving Blocks

created and illustrated by Yusuke Yonezu

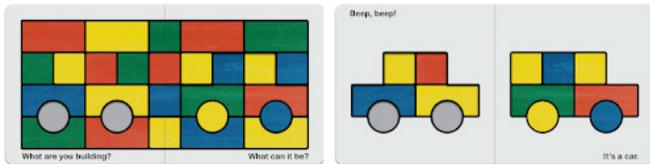
Part book of first words, part guessing game, Yusuke Yonezu's *Moving Blocks* is full of fun, fast, and noisy vehicles made out of a mosaic of bold, colorful shapes.

Did you know?

A good foundation in **early math** prepares children for “math thinking,” and for later academic success. Early Math includes number sense, classifications and patterning, measurement, mathematical reasoning, and geometry (shapes). While reading *Moving Blocks*, practice identifying shapes. Recognizing shapes of different colors and sizes, and shapes that are facing different directions, is not only an important early math skill, it is also a baby's first step toward recognizing letters of the alphabet.

Words to Practice

circle
square
rectangle
triangle
arch



Talk about it!

While you are sharing *Moving Blocks* with your children, make comments and ask questions like these:

1. “Can you point to the blue shapes? Yes! That's a blue square. Yes! That's a blue circle.”
2. “Can you point to the circles? Yes! That one is a blue wheel and that one is a yellow wheel.”
3. “The nose of the rocket is a big triangle. It has three sides and three points. Do you see any small triangles on this page?”

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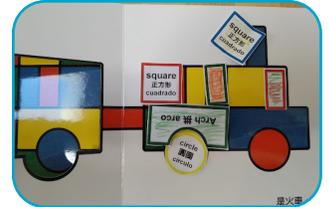
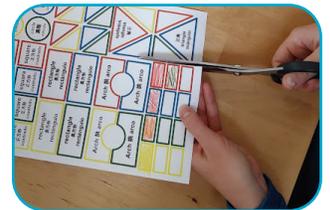
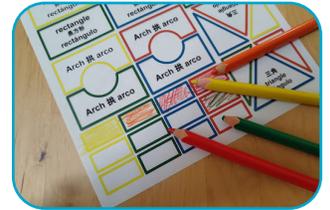
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Create!

Cut out the shapes on the attached sheet, or use construction paper or an old cereal box to make more. Match the shapes to the pictures in the book and things around your house.

- Materials needed:**
- shapes cut out of paper or cardboard
 - scissors
 - Moving Blocks book
 - magazine or catalog (optional)
 - paper and pencil (optional)

1. Let your child color in the shapes on the attached sheet if they can. They can use any color they wish, and hearing you comment on their choices will help them learn color and shape words.
2. Cut out the colorful shapes and help your child practice matching them to the pictures in the book. Talk about the size, name, and color of each shape.
3. Try matching the shapes to pictures in a magazine or catalog. "Can you find a place to fit this arch shape? How about a small rectangle like this?"
4. For an extra challenge, trace your own pictures of vehicles or other objects and help your child use the shapes to fill them in. "Can you use triangles and squares to make a house like this? How many do we need? What shape should we use to make a door?"



Play: Body Shapes

Try making different shapes with your body and see if your baby can make them too!



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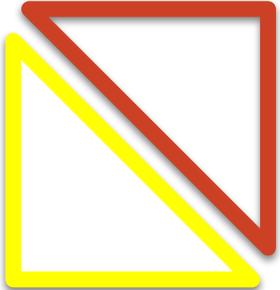
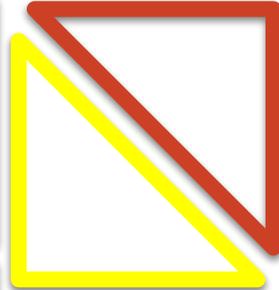
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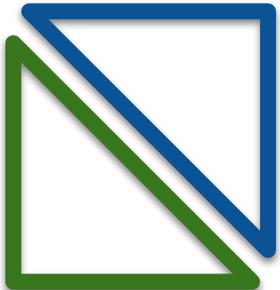
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