

Everyday Shapes

Children sort everyday, three-dimensional shapes into shape groups.

Sheets of light card

Collection of empty containers and boxes in cylinder, rectangular-prism, and cube shapes

Collection of empty containers and boxes in cone, triangular-prism, and pyramid shapes

Preparation

- Make three signs on light card for **cylinder**, **rectangular prism**, and **cube**. Place the signs at the front of the class where every child can see them.
- For the extension activity, make signs for **cone**, **triangular prism**, and **pyramid**.

Activity

Show the children the sign for each three-dimensional shape and then read the names together. Show the children an everyday example of each shape and discuss the attributes of each.

Have the children work together to sort the everyday shapes into shape groups near the matching signs.

Extension

A few weeks later, repeat the activity for the other three-dimensional shapes.

