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Preschool First Steps

Pencil paths, shapes, patterns and picture words



Suggested ages 3–5 · Short activities with adult support

6 activity pages · Adult guide · Separate answers

A Little Guide for Grown-ups

Choose a comfortable starting point. These pages are not a test.

Choose one short activity at a time. Name the pictures and shapes together, model the first example and stop when the child needs a break. The age range is a starting point; use the tasks that suit your learner.

1. Follow a path

Page 3

Start at a vehicle and trace towards the flag. Try the straight path first. Offer the curved, zigzag and wavy paths when the child is comfortable.

2. Sort the shapes

Pages 4–5

Name circle, triangle and square. An adult can cut the pieces out first. Place three pieces in each group before sticking them down.

3. Find the repeating rule

Page 6

Say each shape in the row. Point to the group that repeats, then draw two more shapes. Begin with the alternating rows before trying longer groups.

4. Match picture words

Pages 7–8

Read the labels bee, bunny, fish, fox, leaf, lamb, star and sun together. Match the first letter to B b, F f, L l or S s. This is letter matching, not an assessment of independent reading.

- Print every activity page on the same paper size at 100% scale so pieces fit their mats.
- An adult should supervise scissors, or cut the pieces out for the child.
- Let the child choose crayons or pencils and work at a comfortable pace.
- Use the separate answer guide to check together. Pieces can be in any order within a group.

Suggested ages 3–5. Work with an adult and choose activities that suit the child.

Transport Tracing Paths for Preschool

Start at each vehicle. Follow the dotted road to its flag.

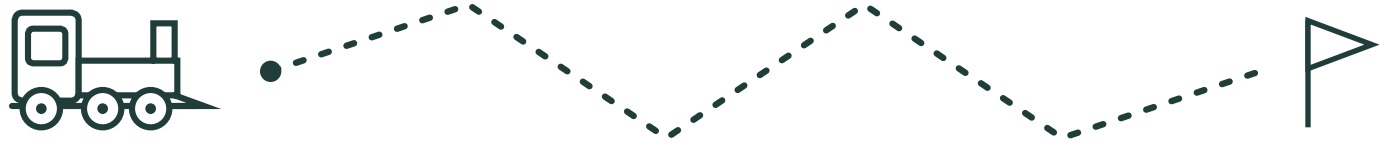
1. A straight road



2. A bendy road



3. Up and down



4. Gentle waves



Try one path at a time. A slow, comfortable movement is the aim.

Cut and Sort Shapes for Preschool

Stick each piece from the cutting page in its matching group.

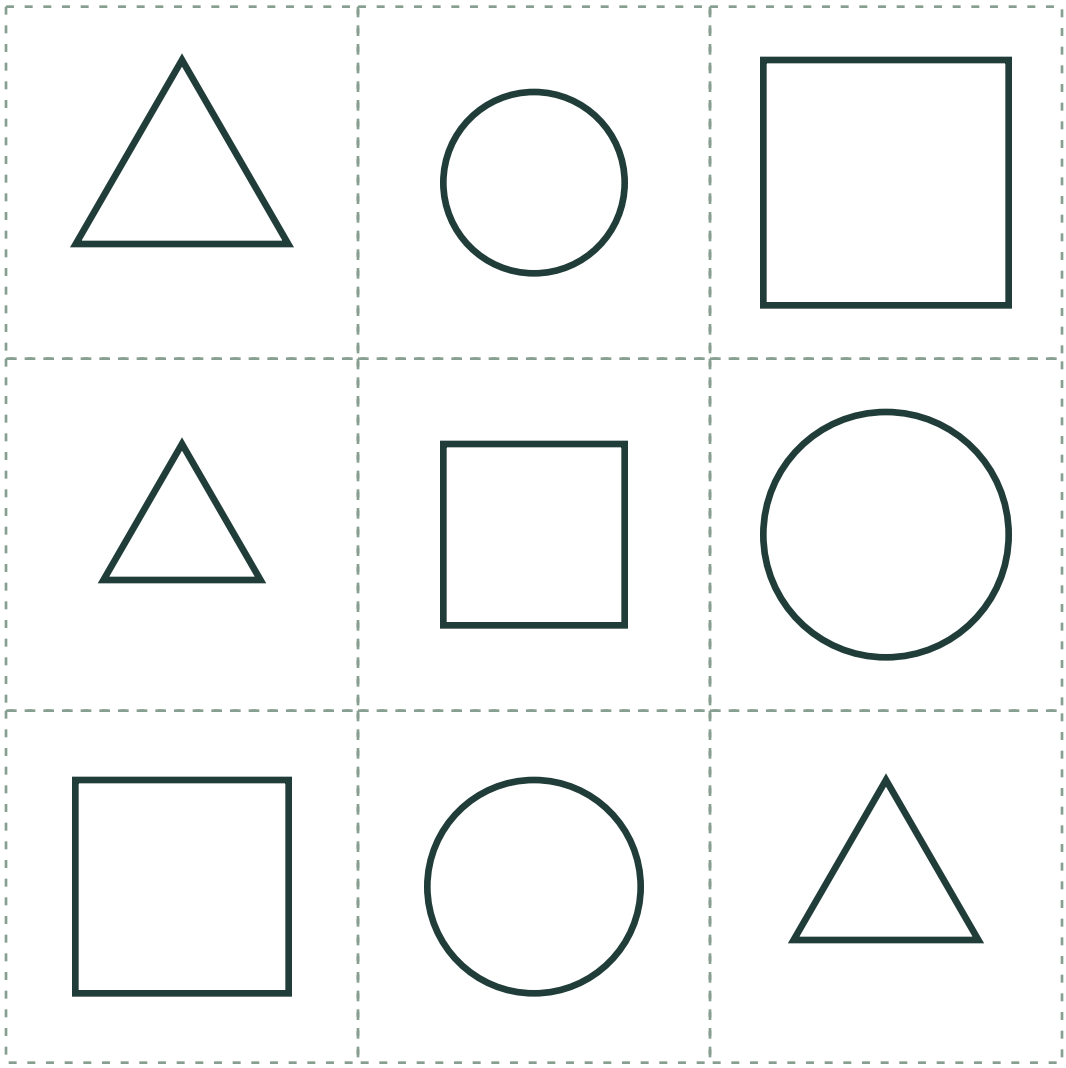
CIRCLES	TRIANGLES	SQUARES
		

Name each shape together before sticking it down.

Cut and Sort Shapes for Preschool

Cutting page: nine pieces for the sorting mat.

Cut along the dotted lines. Keep each shape inside its square piece.



How many shapes belong in each group? Try counting before you stick.

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What Comes Next?

Look for the small group that repeats.

Say the shapes. Draw the next two shapes in each row.

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

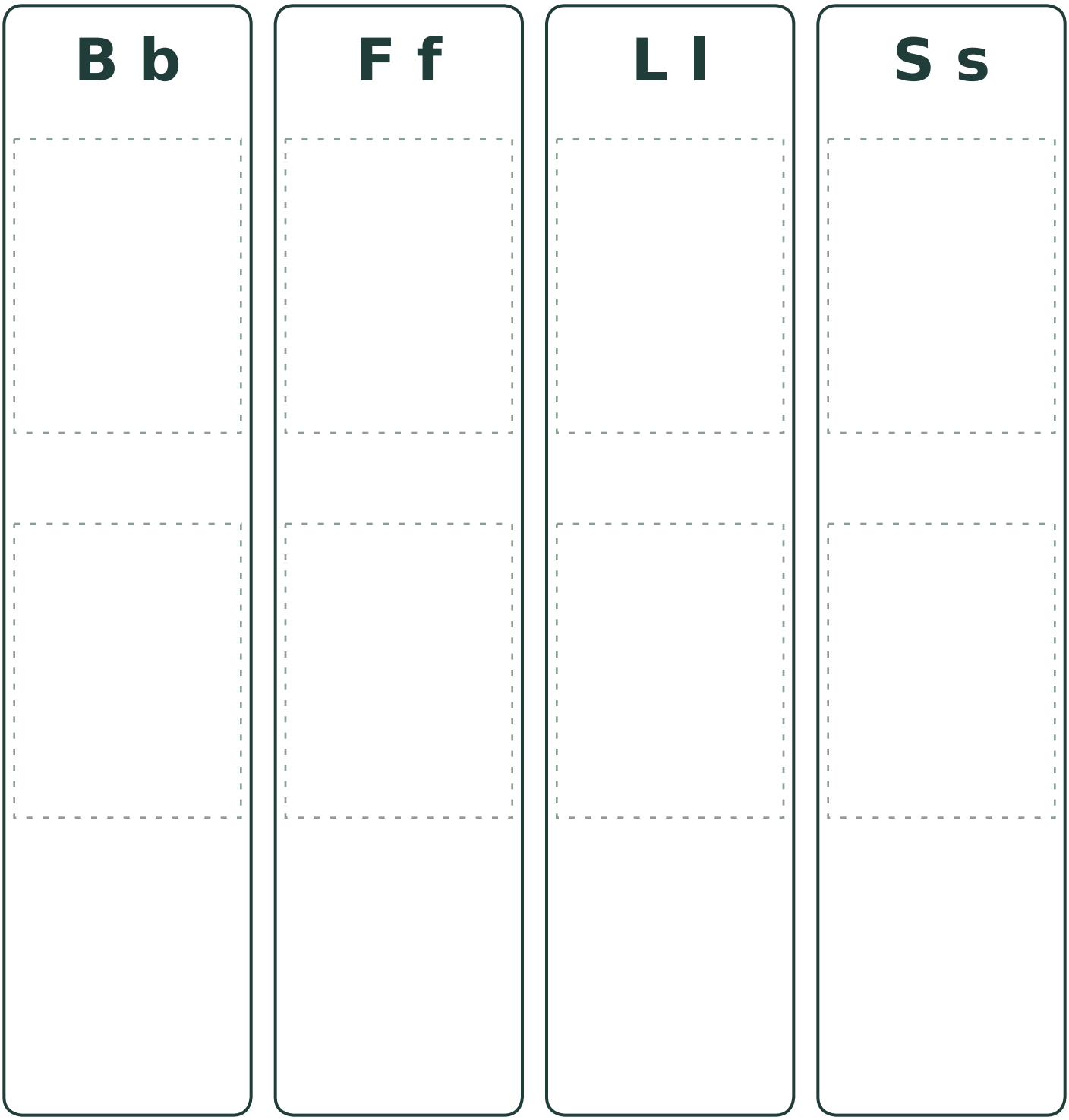
5. 

6. 

An adult can point to the repeating group. Try one row at a time.

First Letter Picture Sort: B, F, L and S

Say each picture word. Stick it under the letter it starts with.

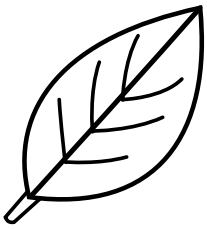


Use the eight pieces on the next page. Say the words together before sorting.

First Letter Picture Sort: B, F, L and S

Cutting page: eight picture words for the sorting mat.

Cut out all eight pieces along the dotted lines.



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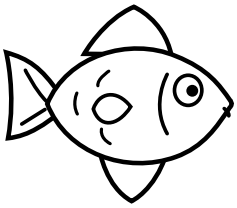

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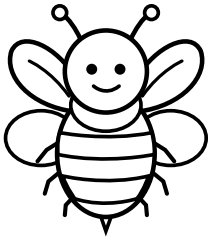

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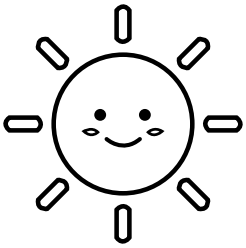

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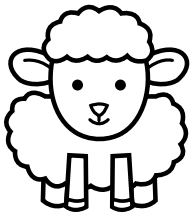

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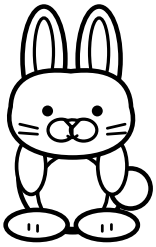

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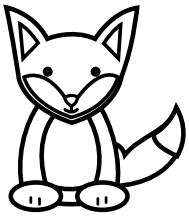

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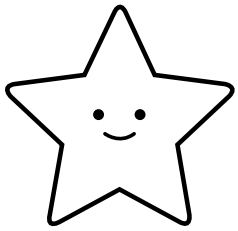

star

Two pictures start with each letter. Try saying the first sound.

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