

Song: Everything Has a Shape
By Hap Palmer on CD *Sally the Swinging Snake*

Everything has a shape,
Pencils, pretzels and plates.
Sneakers and skates and Superman's cape,
Rivers and lakes and tiny snow flakes,
Everything has a shape, everything has a shape.

One can you show me a wide shape.
Two can you show me a thin shape.
Three can you show me a short shape.
Four can you show me a long shape.

Five can you show me a round shape.
Six can you show me a flat shape.
Seven can you show me a twisted shape.

Eight can you show me a stretching shape.
Nine can you show me a strong shape.
Ten can you show me a soft shape.
Eleven can you show me a balanced shape.
Twelve can you show me a leaning shape.

VOCABULARY:

shape, wide, thin, short, long, round, flat, twisted, stretching, strong, soft, balanced, leaning

ACTIVITY:

Using your body, make the shapes described in this song. During the chorus, make your own shapes. During the chorus, children can change shapes after each melodic phrase. The teacher can cue the changes verbally or with a drum beat.

VARIATIONS:

Makes shapes with a rope.
Work in partners or small groups and make shapes together.

FOLLOW-UP:

How many shapes can you recall making? Show me with your body.
Show me your three favorite shapes.
Make a movement phrase: Start with your first shape, then move to your second shape, then move to your third shape and hold it for an ending.
Repeat the phrase three times in a row. Can you do it faster? In slow motion?
Tell me all the things you can think of that are wide, thin, long, short, straight, curved, etc.

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