Individual Activity Lesson Plan



Date: Wednesday 24 th June 2020 Activity Title: Animals Shapes Puzzle	
To create animals out of different shapes.	To use various shapes to create
Links to EYFS:	African animals.
Mathematics-Shapes:	
 Notices simple shapes and patterns in pictures. 	
 Uses shapes appropriately for tasks. 	
 Selects a particular named shape. 	
Physical Development:	
Uses one-handed tools, such as scissors.	
Resources:	Key vocabulary:
• Storybook <i>Giraffes Can't Dance</i> by Giles Andreae (if you don't have the	Zebra, giraffe, monkey, circle,
book, use the following video link:	oval, square, rectangle,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d43d-ueAOAY	diamond, triangle, cut.
• Printed out template – Animals Out of Shapes (if printer is unavailable,	
draw your own shapes using our template as an example)	
• Scissors	
• Paper	
Glue	

ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)

Introduction:

- Read 'Giraffes can't dance' by Giles Andreae.
- Talk with your child about the animals from the story. Talk about their appearance, colours and body parts.
- *Do you remember which animal was yellow and orange?
- *Which animal had a long tale and was swinging on the trees?
- *Do you remember the animal that starts with the "z"? (Say the sound of the letter, not its name)

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Main Activity:

- Get your templates ready and explain to your child that they are going to create African animals by using shapes.
- Look together at the first animal of their choice and encourage them to name the shapes they can see.
- *What does monkey's head look like? Does is remind you of any shape?
- *Do you know the name of this shape?
- *Can you show me a bigger/smaller circle?
- After naming the shapes, tell your child that now they need to cut out the shapes.
- Take the time to explain how important it is to use scissors safely.
- If needed, model how to hold and use scissors safely first.
- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible to have a go to cut out the shapes.
- Once the shapes are cut out or using the shapes pre-cut, invite your child to use them to create their animal, using the provided template as an example.
- *What are you going to use this square for?

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- *Where do you want to stick the triangle?
- *What is this shape called?
- Use glue to stick the shape pieces together to make an animal.
- Model the language: This is a bit tricky, but I'm going to keep trying; let's do it together!

Challenge:

 Encourage the development of using one handed tools by cutting out shapes and using their imagination to put things together. You and your child could make a zebra, monkey or giraffe out of junk modelling, using the inside of the kitchen roll, black marker, glue and colourful paper.



Additional ways to support your child:

If your child finds cutting challenging, you may want to do two separate activities: one where you have pre-cut the templates, so the focus is on the shapes and another to focus solely on cutting.

Extension:

Ask your child to go for a 'shape hunt' around your house. 'Can you find a circle?' 'What shape is the table?' 'How many squares have you seen?'