

■ ‘Straight’, ‘curved’ and ‘bent’ are about shape



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■ What we do and what it means

Ashraf: Look what I made. It's curved like a raindrop.

Using everyday words to describe shape such as 'a raindrop', 'egg shape', 'curved' and 'round' are important for helping children understand shape.

Over time children will use words such as 'triangle', 'square' and 'circle'. These words help children to talk about the shapes in their environment.

Noticing and studying shape is important for learning geometry later.

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