

Rope Shapes

Fun, collaborative, challenges in which blindfolded children create 2-D shapes from a length of rope

5 - 9

Shape



Background

This activity could be a great introduction to the topic or as a simple consolidation task. It enables pupils to demonstrate their recognition of a variety of **shapes** whilst also building interpersonal skills such as **communication, leadership** and **team building**.

As an extension pupils could try **irregular shapes** or **angles**.

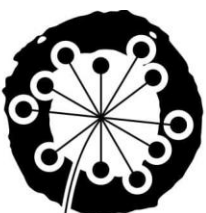
Alternative rope challenges could be **map symbols** or even **letter formation** for younger pupils.

Equipment

- 1 or more long ropes tied into a circle
- Blindfolds for at least 1 team of 6 children
- A camera. (optional)

Activity

- 6 (or more) children stand around the rope circle holding it with both hands close together.
- All but one child around the rope circle puts on a blindfold.
- The child not wearing a blindfold is the group leader and the only person allowed to give instructions.
- Challenge the group to create a variety of 2-D shapes from squares to pentagons to isosceles triangles dependent upon their ability.
- Take photos of the resultant shapes for assessment purposes.



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