Bridges in Mathematics Grade 1 Unit 6

Geometry

In this unit, your student will:

- Identify, describe, sort, and compare 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Draw 2-D shapes and build 3-D shapes
- Put shapes together to create pictures, designs, and larger shapes
- Divide circles and rectangles into halves and fourths
- Add 1-digit and 2-digit numbers



PROBLEM COMMENTS I'm thinking of one of the shapes on this paper, and I'm In this activity, the going to give you some clues so you can figure out which teacher provides clues one it is. The shape I'm thinking of has 4 sides. Can you that enable students use that information to get rid of any of the shapes on the to eliminate all but one sheet? Which ones? Why? 'mystery shape.' As they work to identify the "You can get rid of all the triangles. They only have 3 sides!" shape, students describe "Cross out the circles. They don't have any straight sides." and compare shapes in terms of their defining "We can cross out the hexagons, but we have to keep all the attributes. rest of the shapes because they all have 4 sides." First graders fit pattern blocks together to make larger Can you come up with three shapes and record how many of each type of block different ways to fill this shape they use for each solution. In the process, they start to with pattern blocks? develop early understandings about measuring area, "I put a hexagon on top and a including the fact that the size of the unit influences trapezoid on the bottom." the outcome. "I used all triangles. It took 9 of them because they're so little. "I put a trapezoid on the bottom, and all triangles on the top. It took 7 blocks in all — six triangles and 1 trapezoid." How can 4 friends divide this square flatbread fairly? First graders relate well to food and fractions since their earliest experiences with fractions often involve sharing treats with siblings or friends. In folding paper squares and circles, they discover that there is often more than one way to split a shape into equal parts. Students learn "I folded my paper in half. Then I opened it and folded it in half to describe the parts as halves and fourths (or quarters) the other way. Now I have fourths that are all little squares." and to read and write the numbers $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. "I folded my paper diagonally, so I got 4 triangles." "I folded mine in half and then in half again. I got skinny

Your student will practice these skills by solving problems such as these:

rectangles."

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What is $25 + 8$?	Students continue to work with the derived fact strategies they developed in Unit 5. In the process, they discover that the same strategies — counting on, compensation, and making 10 — can help them add 1-digit to 2-digit numbers. "It's 33. I started with 25 and kept on counting, like this: 25 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33." "I got 33 too! I pretended the 8 was a 10. I know that 25 and 10 is 35. Then I took 2 away because we're really supposed to add 8, not 10."
	<i>"I took 5 from the 8 and gave it to the 25. That made 30, but then I had to add the other 3 from the 8. Thirty plus 3 is 33."</i>

Frequently Asked Questions About Unit 6

Q: My student calls 3-D objects by 2-D names. Why is this, and how can I help?

A: When looking at three-dimensional objects, first graders are likely to see and describe those objects in terms of their two-dimensional faces. They may refer to cubes as "squares," pyramids as "triangles," spheres and cylinders as "circles," and so on. When they do, help them dig a little deeper by asking questions such as, "Where are the squares on that cube-shaped tissue box? How many squares are there?" Explain that each of the six squares is one face of the cube. What shape are the faces of some of the other three-dimensional objects they see? Can they find an object with six faces shaped like rectangles? If so, it's called a rectangular prism. Can they find an object that's round but not flat like a circle? If so, they've probably found a sphere. What can they tell you about the can of soup on the counter? When they comment that the top and bottom of the can are shaped like circles, let them know they're looking at a cylinder, and challenge them to find other cylinders in the kitchen or bathroom.

Q: How can I support my student's learning?

A: Shapes are everywhere! Have your student look for examples of 2-D and 3-D shapes at home, in the school yard, at the park, in the store — wherever you happen to be. Can they spot rectangles, squares, trapezoids, triangles, half-circles, and quarter-circles? What about cubes, rectangular prisms, pyramids, cones, cylinders, and spheres? Play I spy, taking turns to give each other clues about the shapes you see.

To further support your student in learning mathematics, you can:

- Visit <u>mathathome.mathlearningcenter.org</u> and work through the activities in Grade 1: Set 6 together. These activities complement the learning that takes place in the classroom during Unit 6 and provide fun ways to engage in mathematical thinking. This set also includes digital versions of games your student has learned at school, such as Last Shape in Wins, Pattern Block Puzzles, and Shape Sorting & Graphing.
- Visit <u>apps.mathlearningcenter.org</u> and invite your student to explore the Geoboard, Pattern Shapes, and Fractions apps. Throughout Unit 6, students explore these tools in their physical forms in the classroom.
- Read books with your student that focus on 2-D and 3-D shapes and fractions. Some book suggestions include:
 - » Round Is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, illustrated by John Parra
 - » Have You Seen My Monster? by Steve Light
 - » Danbi Leads the School Parade, by Anna Kim
 - » Circle! Sphere! by Grace Lin
 - » Round by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Taeeun Yoo
 - » The Wishing Club: A Story About Fractions by Donna Jo Napoli, pictures by Anna Currey
 - » Luna's Yum Yum Dim Sum by Natasha Yim, illustrated by Violet Kim

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