

Find the Shape

This activity needs lots of attention. You will watch a picture as it moves on the screen, but sometimes a shape will appear instead of the picture, so you have to be ready to respond to it.

Notes for helpers:

This activity is always done one eye at a time, so it is always done with a cover over one eye.

Step 1. Moving pictures - side to side

Cover one eye with the palm of one hand, or cover one eye with a patch. Stand about 50cm from the screen so you are facing the screen and you have equal weight on each foot. Place the symbol sheet, in front of the computer keyboard. The symbol sheet can be printed from the charts menu at the top of the screen. The symbol sheet has the following shapes: circle, square, triangle, diamond.

Click on the '**Run Activity**' button at the top of this screen.

The screen will go dark except for the picture of a boy riding a pig, which will move from side to side on the screen. You have to follow the pig as it moves, with your eye and your hand. Extend your right arm forwards, slightly bent at the elbow, while pointing your first finger at the moving pig. Your finger should be about 2 to 3cm in front of the screen. Move your arm from side to side to follow the pig so your finger is always pointing at the pig.

At various times a shape will appear instead of the pig. The shape will be a circle, square, triangle or diamond, the same shapes that are on the sheet of paper in front of you. When a shape appears move your finger down and touch the corresponding shape on the paper - try to do this as soon as you see a shape. Then move your finger back to again point at the pig, as it moves across the screen. Keep following the pig, pointing at it with your finger and moving your finger down to touch the corresponding shapes as they appear, then moving your finger back to aim at the pig again.

Now change the patch to the other eye and repeat.

Notes for helpers:

Make sure the patch is swapped to the other eye after 2 to 3 minutes.

Your goal is to accurately follow the pig, pointing with your finger, while moving your arm smoothly from side to side and to touch the corresponding shape on the paper as soon as it appears on the screen.

Step 2. Moving pictures - up and down

Click on '**level**' at the top of the screen and click on '**up and down**'. Now the pig will move up and down. Follow the pig again with your eye and your hand and match the shapes when they appear just as you did in level 1.

Step 3. Moving pictures – diagonal

Click on '**level**' at the top of the screen and click on '**diagonal**'. Now the pig will move diagonally from the upper right corner to the lower left corner, or the upper left corner to the lower right corner. Follow the pig again with your eye and your hand and match the shapes when they appear just as you did in level 1 and 2.

Step 4. Moving pictures – random

Click on '**level**' at the top of the screen and click on '**random**'. Now the pig may move from side to side or up and down or diagonally. Follow the pig again with your eye and your hand and match the shapes when they appear just as you did in level 1, 2 and 3.