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## Investigating the Geometry around Us



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## in Names

Write your name in capital letters across a large sheet of paper. Identify the geometry terms or shapes located in your name. Possible vocabulary words that can be used:

| Parallel lines | Square | Obtuse angle | Circle |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Perpendicular lines | Rectangle | Acute angle | Line segment |
| Triangle | Trapezoid | Right angle | Edges |
| Congruent | Translation | Supplementary angles | Vertices |

EXAMPLE:

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## Geometry <br> Connections in Art and Literature



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## You Will Need the Following Supplies:

- A square piece of paper
- Scissors

- Paper
- Glue stick



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Where do you see this shape in the real world?


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- Make a sharp crease in the paper
- Unfold and cut along the crease



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- Take one of the halves
- Fold it in half and cut along the crease
- How many pieces do you have?
- What fractional part is each piece of the original square?
- What can you tell me about the triangles?


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- Take the remaining half and fold it so that the vertex of the right angle touches the midpoint of the opposite side
- Cut along the crease
- What shapes do you now have?


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- Take the trapezoid and fold it in half
- Cut along the crease to produce two
 congruent trapezoids


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- Take one of the trapezoids
- Fold the "toe" to the "heel"
- Cut
- What shapes do you now have?


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- Fold the other trapezoid from the "heel" to the top of the "shoe strings"
- Cut

- What shapes do you now have?


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- How many shapes do you now have?
- Can you put them back together to form the original square?




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## List some of the geometric terms we discussed while making our tangrams.



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- Grandfather Tang's Story A tale told with tangrams by Ann Tompert
- Create your own design
- Write a poem or a story to describe your design



Animal Art from a 4th level class at Mosman Public School

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## Exploring Polygons

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## How can you find the sum of the interior angles of your polygons without using a protractor?

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## Geometry Big Square

Arrange the smaller squares into a large $4 \times 4$ square by matching the pictures of the geometric shapes with the most appropriate terms.

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## Investigating Volume

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## Popcorn Prisms



Predict which prism will have a greater volume.

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## Popcorn Cylinders



Predict which cylinder will have a greater volume.

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## Geometry and Measurement Scavenger Hunt



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## GEOMETRIC TERMS



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