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Shape Town



Once upon a time, there was a beautiful little town called Shape Town built in a valley between two mountains. On one side of the town was a beautiful lake. Many different shapes had lived in the town over the years. All these shapes had some straight sides.

One day, a new shape arrived in town and opened a doughnut shop. The new shape had no straight sides and looked a bit different to all the other shapes in the town (show the "Shapes From Shape Town" resource sheet, and point to the shape at the top of the page). Some of the other shapes began to make fun of the new shape, teasing him because he had no straight edges and was all round. The other shapes in town would not speak to the round shape or go into his shop for doughnuts (show the "Shapes From Shape Town" resource sheet, and point to the two shapes at the bottom of the page). This made the round shape feel very lonely and miserable.

One rainy morning, the round shape went to work and found a sign painted on his shop window, which said, "Go away, we don't need round shapes here." The round shape was so upset that he decided to go home and not even open the shop that day (show the "A Rainy Day in Shape Town" resource sheet, and point to the shape at the top of the page).

The rain continued to pour down on Shape Town and the lake on one side of the town began to swell higher than ever before. The shapes of Shape Town began to panic as they saw the water rising higher and coming closer to their homes. A town meeting was called, and all the shapes were called together in the town hall, except for the round shape. The shapes decided the only way to save their town and their homes was to get together and make a wall between the two mountains to stop the water in the lake from rising until the rain stopped.

All the shapes at the meeting went to the edge of the lake between the mountains and began to form themselves into a wall (show the "A Rainy Day in Shape Town" resource sheet and point to the picture at the bottom of the page).

(Hand out envelopes containing shapes prepared from the "Template for Shape Wall" resource sheet for each group of three to four to try to build the wall to save Shape Town.)