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Learning to Read: Shapes and Letters

Before we can learn to read words and sentences, we first need to learn about the basic building blocks of reading - shapes and letters! Shapes are the foundation of letters, and understanding the shapes of letters is crucial to becoming a proficient reader.

Shapes

Every letter is made up of one or more basic shapes. Here are some of the most common shapes used to create letters:

- Circle
- Square
- Triangle
- Rectangle
- Oval

Letters

Once we know these basic shapes, we can start to recognize them in the letters we see every day. Here are some of the most important letters to learn:

- A (made up of a triangle and a line)
- B (made up of two circles and a line)
- C (made up of one big circle)
- D (made up of one big circle and a line)
- E (made up of three lines)

Worksheet

Circle the correct answer:

1. Which shape is NOT used to create letters?
 - a. Triangle
 - b. Star
 - c. Square
2. Which letter is made up of one big circle?
 - a. A
 - b. B
 - c. C
3. Which letter is made up of three lines?

- a. C
- b. D
- c. E

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