



Developmental Benefits of Play:
Cognitive, Creative, Communicative

Focus Skills/Subject: Imagination, Math

Grades: 2-6

- Give each student a small bag of all 7 tangram shapes, and let them explore and discuss what shapes and sizes they have.
- Hand out larger shape outlines, such as a house, swan, square, horse, bird, etc., and have kids use their pieces to build the puzzle in the same shape.

Pro Tip: Challenge students by having them create their own puzzle! Instruct students to invent a shape that incorporates all the tangram pieces provided, and then trace it on plain paper and give it a name. Then allow the students to try out each other's puzzles.

Materials:

- Tangrams (one set of 7 shapes per student)
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- Plain paper

