

Descriptive Concepts Worksheet

Colors, sizes, shapes and textures - the words that describe a thing.

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ASHA places color and shape naming in the 3-to-4 and 4-to-5 bands

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Descriptive words name a property of something rather than the thing itself, which is a genuine conceptual step. Size words are also relative - a big mouse is smaller than a small dog - so a child has to judge against a category rather than an absolute. These words do a lot of work in classrooms, because most early instructions single something out by its properties: the big red one, the round blue one.

What to expect: Color names are often used before they are understood: a child may cheerfully label everything "blue" for weeks. That is normal and not worth correcting hard. Expect big and little to be used for every dimension at first, with tall, long and wide differentiating later.

What Color?

Answer each question with a color word.

1. What color is a banana?
2. What color is grass?
3. What color is the sky on a clear day?
4. What color is snow?
5. What color is a stop sign?
6. What color is a pumpkin?
7. What color is chocolate?
8. What color are most tires?

Big or Little?

Fill in the blank with a size word.

9. An elephant is ____ and a mouse is little.

10. A giraffe has a very ____ neck.
11. A baby's shoes are ____.
12. A skyscraper is very ____.
13. A puddle is shallow but the ocean is ____.
14. A pencil is thin and a tree trunk is ____.
15. My little brother is ____ than me.

Shapes and Textures

Answer each question with a shape or texture word.

16. What shape is a ball?
17. What shape is a window?
18. What shape is a slice of pizza?
19. How does sandpaper feel?
20. How does a kitten feel?
21. How does an ice cube feel?
22. How does honey feel?
23. What shape is the moon when it is full?

Two Things at Once

These need two descriptions held together. Point to the one being described.

24. Find the big red circle.
25. Find the little blue square.
26. Find the long thin one.
27. Find the small soft one.

28. Find the tall green one.
29. Find the round rough one.

Answer Key

What Color?

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. yellow | 5. red |
| 2. green | 6. orange |
| 3. blue | 7. brown |
| 4. white | 8. black |

Big or Little?

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|------------|-------------|
| 9. big | 13. deep |
| 10. long | 14. thick |
| 11. little | 15. shorter |
| 12. tall | |

Shapes and Textures

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 16. round (a sphere) | 20. soft |
| 17. square (or rectangle) | 21. cold and hard |
| 18. triangle | 22. sticky |
| 19. rough | 23. round (a circle) |

Two Things at Once

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 24. big + red + circle | 27. small + soft |
| 25. little + blue + square | 28. tall + green |
| 26. long + thin | 29. round + rough |