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INSTRUCTIONS

Activity 01

SHAPE DETECTIVE MISSION

Can you crack the code?



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MISSION BRIEFING

Intended Audience: Beginners (children, parents, teachers).

Goal: Learn 4 letter shapes to build your first word!

Time: 10-15 minutes.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Flashcards for: H (Hockey Stick), O (Wedding Ring), M (Comfy Hammock), E (Traffic Light).

Optional: Timer, magnifying glass for fun.

ACTIVITY STEPS

STEP 1: The Briefing. Say:
"Welcome, Detective! Your mission is to learn a secret visual code. We'll learn four letter shapes that spell a word. Ready?"

STEP 2: Meet the Shapes.
Hold up each flashcard:
- O = Wedding Ring = /oʊ/ sound (like "go")
- M = Comfy Hammock = /m/ sound (like "mom")
- E = Traffic Light = /i:/ sound (like "see")
- H = Hockey Stick = /h/ sound (like "hat")

STEP 3: The Mission

Place cards randomly. Say:
"Arrange these four shapes to spell a word."

Hints if needed

- "It's a cozy place you go after school".
- "It has four letters".
- "The first shape is Double Bed".

STEP 4: The Reveal

When they arrange H-O-M-E, have them say: /h/ - /oʊ/ - /m/ - /i:/.

Say: "You did it! You spelled 'HOME'! You're a certified Shape Detective!"

WHY THIS WORKS

- Only 4 shapes to learn.
- Quick success building a real word.
- Fun detective theme.
- Multi-sensory learning.
- Builds confidence.

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