

Everyday Shapes

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Chuck stared at his math homework. His teacher had written it on a piece of white paper. It said, "Find an example of a **circle**, a **square**, a **rectangle**, a **pentagon**, and a **triangle** somewhere at home."

"Why does Mrs. Lee give us such hard homework?" Chuck whined. He thought this was going to be really hard.

When Chuck got home, he showed his homework to his big sister, Serena. She smiled. "That is so easy!"

"No, it is not!" Chuck cried.

Serena smiled and handed him a book. "Here you go."

"What is this for?" Chuck asked. He was confused. He didn't need a book. He needed help on his homework.

"It's a **rectangle**." Serena answered. "There are regular shapes all over the house. This will take you just a few minutes to do."

"Wow." She was right! He couldn't believe it was that easy to find a **rectangle**. Surely the other shapes would be harder, right?

He got a drink while he thought about it. Just then, he looked at the top of his cup. It was a **circle**!

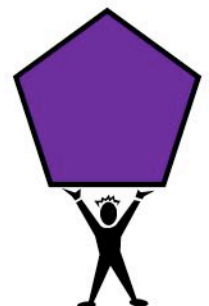
Chuck started looking harder. The cabinet door in the kitchen was a **square**! He'd found three now. The **triangle** came next. He found that in the folded flag hanging on the wall.

The last one took a while longer. Chuck walked everywhere through the house, but couldn't find it. At last, he walked outside and looked around the house instead of just inside it.

Suddenly, he saw the last shape. There it was in the shape of the house! He'd found the **pentagon**. As easy as walking through the rooms of his house, he'd finished his homework.

The next day, his teacher gave him a new assignment. It said, "Find an example of a **parallel lines**, **perpendicular lines**, and **intersecting lines** somewhere at home."

"Here we go again!" Chuck groaned.



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Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Which shape did Chuck find first, with his sister's help?

- A. Rectangle
- B. Square
- C. Circle
- D. Pentagon
- E. Triangle

2. Which shape did Chuck find second?

- A. Rectangle
- B. Square
- C. Circle
- D. Pentagon
- E. Triangle

3. Which shape did Chuck find third?

- A. Rectangle
- B. Square
- C. Circle
- D. Pentagon
- E. Triangle

4. Which shape did Chuck find fourth?

- A. Rectangle
- B. Square
- C. Circle
- D. Pentagon
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5. Which shape did Chuck find last?

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