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Classify It! Exploring Quadrilaterals

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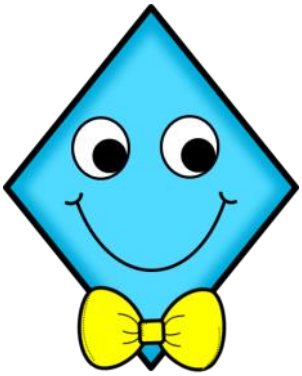

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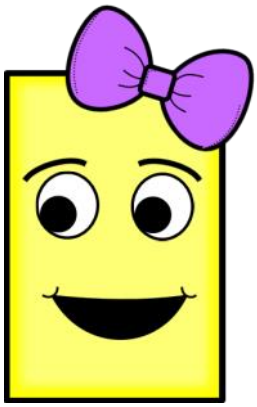

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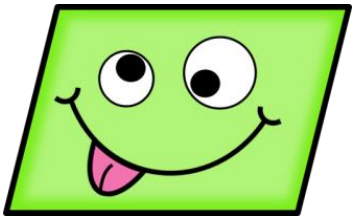

*Activities and answer keys in this version of Classify It! use the INCLUSIVE definition of a trapezoid, which states that a trapezoid is a quadrilateral with AT LEAST one pair of parallel sides.

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Exploring Quadrilaterals (Inclusive Trapezoids)

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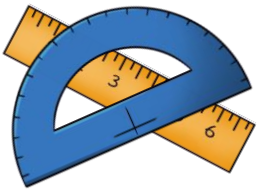


Classify It! Exploring Quadrilaterals includes printables and directions for an introductory lesson, a cooperative learning activity, a game, and two quizzes. The student materials are provided in color and the color versions are shown in the teacher directions, but black and white versions are in the appendix along with variations of some pages.

Preview Version

Inclusive Trapezoid Definition

There are two accepted ways to define a trapezoid, so I created two different versions of Classify It! Exploring Quadrilaterals to avoid confusing students with incorrect answers on the keys. **This version is based on the "inclusive" definition, which states that a trapezoid has AT LEAST one pair of parallel sides.** If your curriculum uses the EXCLUSIVE definition which states that a trapezoid has exactly one pair of parallel sides, please use the other version of Classify It! which can be found in the product download zip file.

Lesson Overviews

You'll find detailed information about each lesson or activity in front of the pages that go with that activity. The introductory lesson and sorting activity require very little advanced preparation, but the game materials will take time to print out and organize.

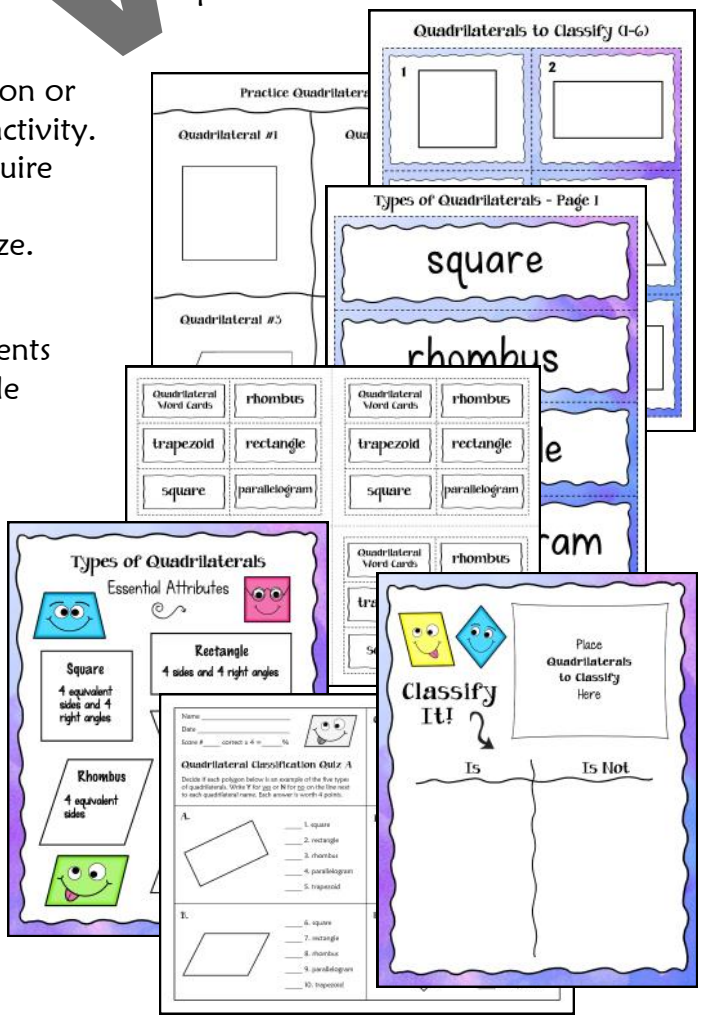
Suggested Pacing Guide

Depending on how much experience your students have had with quadrilaterals, you should be able to complete the activities in two or three days.

Day 1
- Administer Pretest (Quiz A)
- Introduce Quadrilateral Classification
- Practice Classifying Quadrilaterals

Day 2
- Classify It! Sorting Activity
- Introduce Classify It! Game
- Students play Classify It!

Day 3 (Optional or Math Centers)
- Students play Classify It! again
- Administer Posttest (Quiz B)



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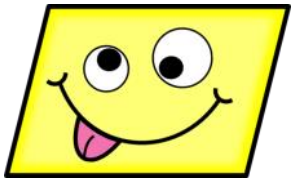
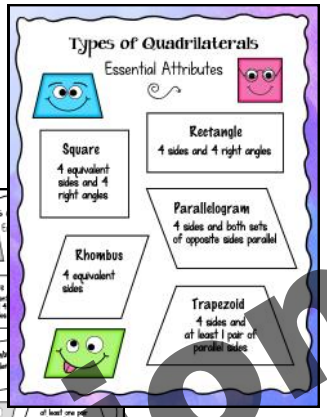


In this whole group or small group lesson, you'll introduce five types of quadrilaterals, and students will practice classifying four examples.

Optional Pretest - Quiz A
You may wish to administer Quadrilateral Classification Quiz A (page 29) before you begin this lesson. You'll find the answer key on page 30.

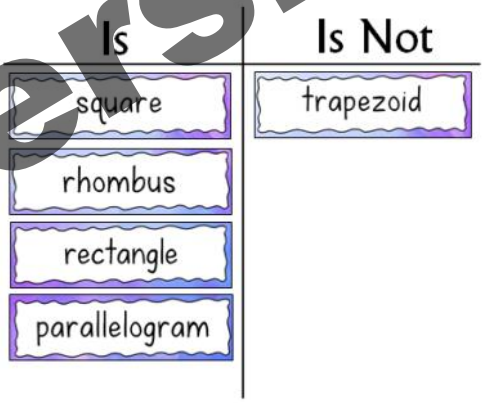


Suggested Materials

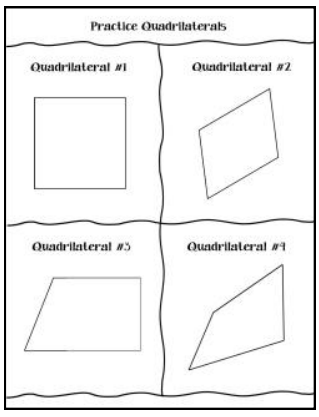
- Document camera or other method of displaying pages
- Rulers and protractors (at least 1 for every 2 students)
- 1 copy of Practice Quadrilaterals per student (page 7)
- Practice Quadrilateral Answers (page 8)
- 1 set of Large Types of Quadrilateral cards (pages 9-10)
- Foldable or Interactive Notebook pages (pages 11-12)

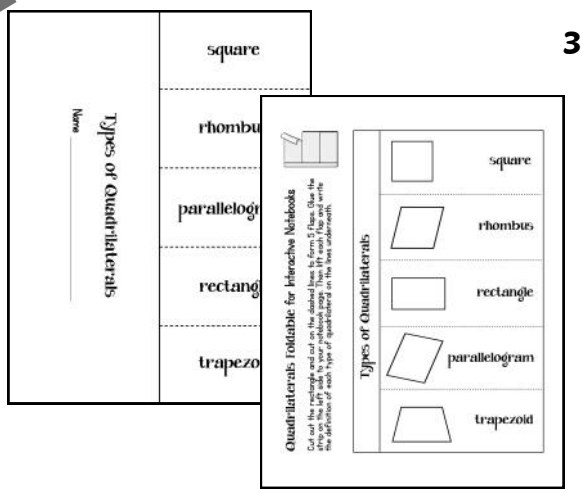
Suggested Lesson Sequence

1. **Introduce Attributes of Quadrilaterals**
   Display the Types of Quadrilaterals mini poster or give students the half-sized version. Review the essential attributes of each quadrilateral.

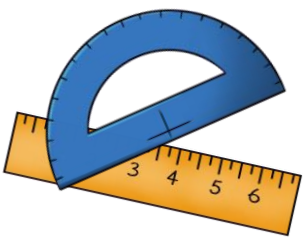


2. **Practice Classifying Quadrilaterals**
   Draw a large version of the T-chart shown here on the board or on chart paper. Give each student a copy of the Practice Quadrilaterals, a ruler, and a protractor. Starting with the first polygon, ask your students what type of quadrilateral it is. Most students will say it's a square, and if everyone agrees, place the word "Square" in the column under the word "Is." Then ask if that polygon might also be another type of quadrilateral. After they review the essential attributes, some students will realize it's also a rectangle. Continue discussing and adding the quadrilaterals until all five words are placed. Encourage students to use their rulers and protractors to verify sides and angles that appear to be equal. Repeat with remaining quadrilaterals.





3. **Take Notes on Foldable or Interactive Notebook Page**
   If time allows, you may want your students to take notes on the foldable or interactive notebook page included on pages 11 and 12.



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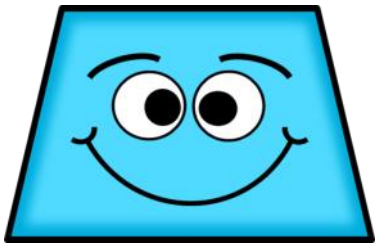
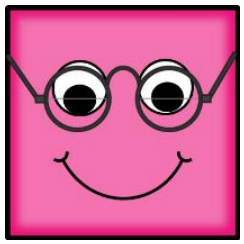
Types of Quadrilaterals

Essential Attributes





Square

4 equivalent sides and 4 right angles

Rectangle

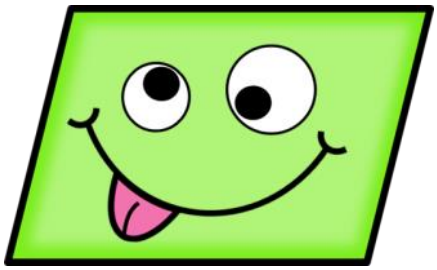
4 sides and 4 right angles

Parallelogram

4 sides and both sets of opposite sides parallel

Rhombus

4 equivalent sides



Trapezoid

4 sides and at least 1 pair of parallel sides

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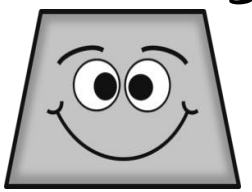
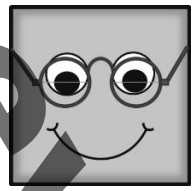
Types of Quadrilaterals

Essential Attributes





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Rectangle
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Rhombus
4 equivalent sides

Parallelogram
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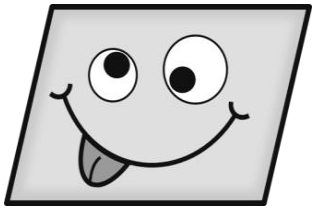

Trapezoid
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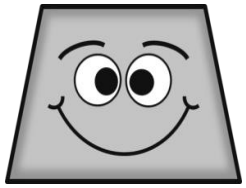
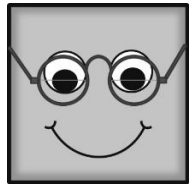
Types of Quadrilaterals

Essential Attributes





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Rhombus
4 equivalent sides

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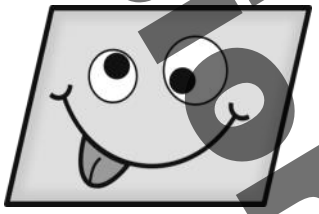

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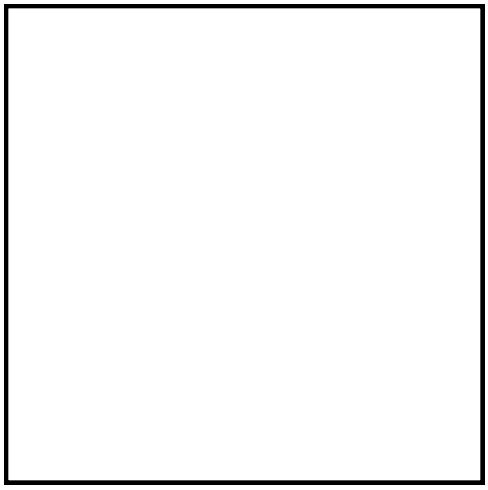
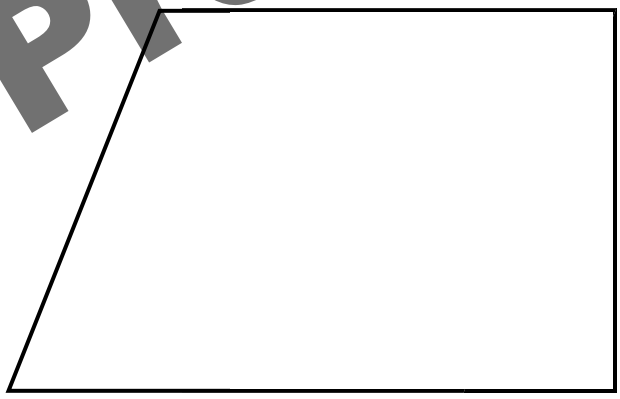
Practice Quadrilaterals

Quadrilateral #1

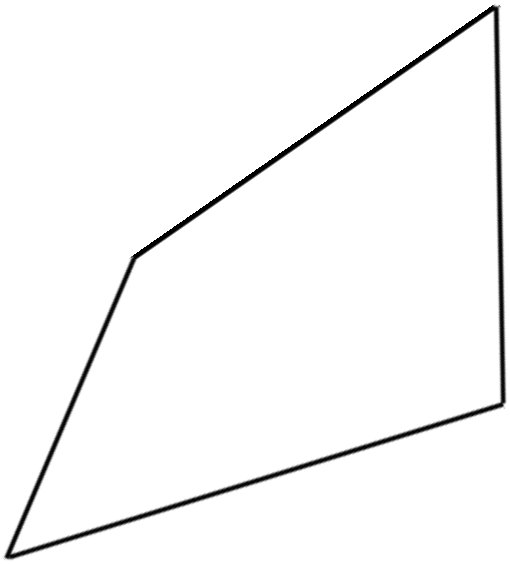


Quadrilateral #2

Quadrilateral #3



Quadrilateral #4



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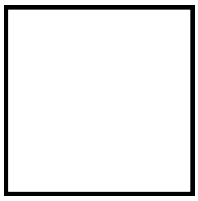
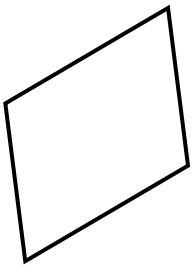
Practice Quadrilateral Answers

Quadrilateral #1 Answers



Is	Is Not
square rhombus rectangle parallelogram trapezoid	

Quadrilateral #2 Answers

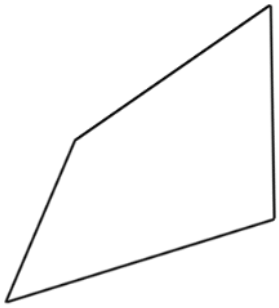


Is	Is Not
parallelogram trapezoid	square rhombus rectangle

Quadrilateral #3 Answers

Is	Is Not
trapezoid	square rhombus rectangle parallelogram

Quadrilateral #4 Answers



Is	Is Not
	square rhombus rectangle parallelogram trapezoid

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Types of Quadrilaterals - Page 1

square

rhombus

rectangle

parallelogram

Preview Version

Types of Quadrilaterals - Page 2

trapezoid

Preview Version

Name _____

Types of Quadrilaterals

square

rhombus

parallelogram

rectangle

trapezoid

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Quadrilaterals Foldable for Interactive Notebooks

Cut out the rectangle and cut on the dashed lines to form 5 flaps. Glue the strip on the left side to your notebook page. Then lift each flap and write the definition of each type of quadrilateral on the lines underneath.

Types of Quadrilaterals

square

rhombus

rectangle

parallelogram

trapezoid

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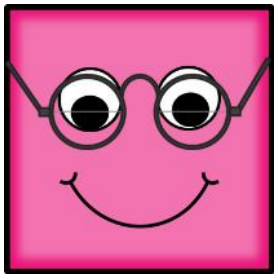
Classify It! Sorting Activity



The Classify It! Sorting Activity provides a chance for students to work together to practice skills they learned in the previous lesson. This activity also makes a wonderful math center for partners after you introduce it in a whole group or small group setting.

Materials Needed and Advanced Preparation

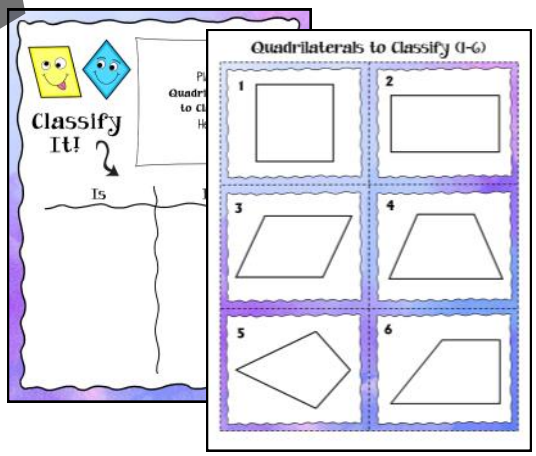
Refer to the step-by-step directions on page 14 for details about how to prepare for this activity. If you're short on time, just print the pages you need, and ask your students to help cut out the task cards and word cards before they begin the activity.

Lesson Suggestions

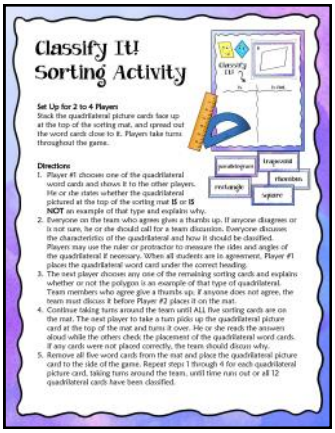
1. **Distribute the Materials**
   Give each pair or team of students a Classify It! Sorting Mat, a set of Quadrilaterals to Classify task cards (with the answers on the backs) and one set of Quadrilateral Word Cards for the group. Also, give them protractors and rulers to use to verify the equivalent sides and angles.

2. **Model the Sorting Activity**
   If you introduce this activity immediately after the previous lesson, your students may tell you they know what to do. However, you still need to model the directions for them. If you don't, your more assertive students may dominate the game and not allow the others to participate equally. Usually if you explain the importance of each step, your students will be more likely to take turns, wait patiently, and work cooperatively.

   Display a copy of the sorting activity directions for the class. Walk them through the activity in a step-by-step manner. Be sure they understand that this is a cooperative learning practice activity and not a competitive game. If they disagree with how a certain quadrilateral is being classified, they should speak up and call for a team discussion.



3. **Students in Pairs or Teams Complete Sorting Activity**
   Number the students off clockwise around the team, so they know who Player #1 is and the order of play. As your students work, walk around to observe whether or not they are classifying the quadrilaterals properly.



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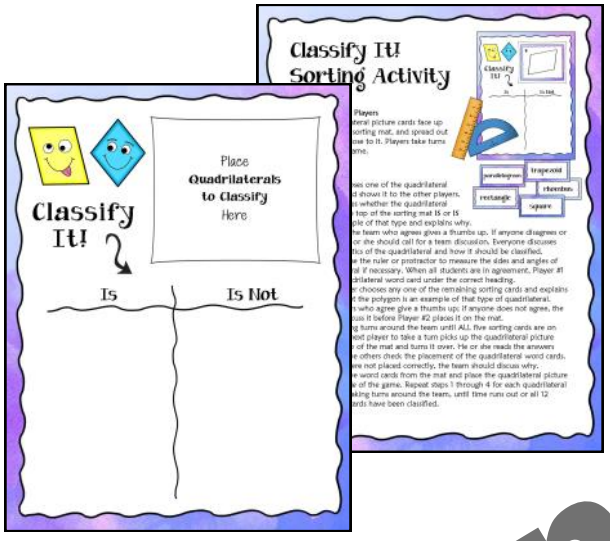
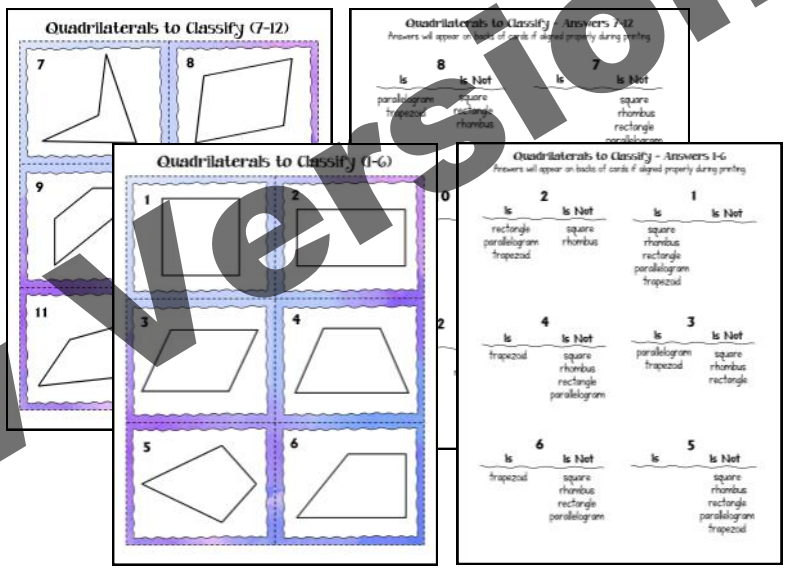
Classify It! Sorting Activity

Materials and Advanced Prep



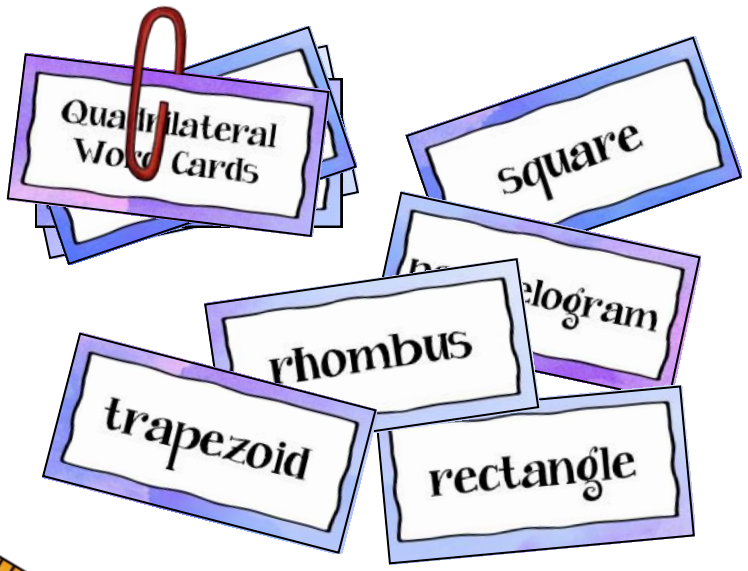
Materials for 2 to 4 Players

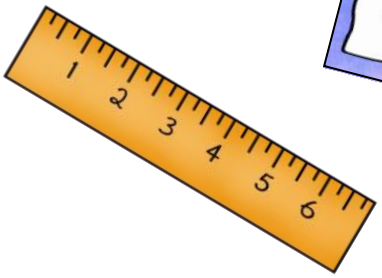
- Classify It! Sorting Mat and Sorting Directions
- 12 Quadrilaterals to Classify cards (pictures on one side; answers on the backs)
- 1 set of 5 Quadrilateral Word Cards
- 1 ruler and 1 protractor



Preparation

1. Print one Classify It! Sorting Mat and one set of directions for each pair or team participating.
2. Print both pages of the Quadrilaterals to Classify cards with the illustrations on one side and the answers on the backs. If aligned properly, the answers will end up on the back of each card. Cut them apart to form 12 cards.
3. One page of Quadrilateral Word Cards will make enough sets for 4 teams. Cut each set of cards apart and secure them with a paper clip.
4. Provide one ruler and one protractor for students to use when measuring the sides and angles of the quadrilaterals.





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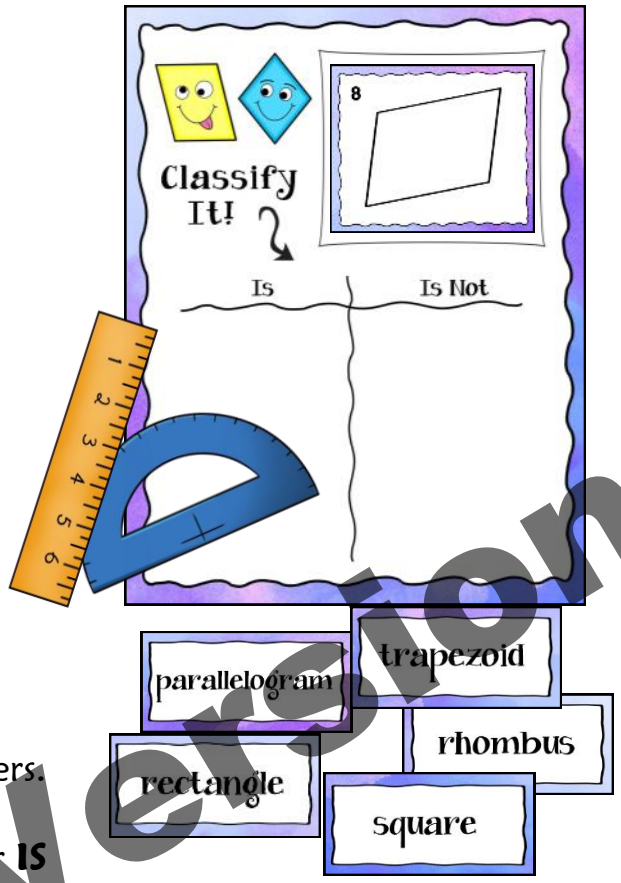

Set Up for 2 to 4 Players
Stack the quadrilateral picture cards face up at the top of the sorting mat, and spread out the word cards close to it. Players take turns throughout the game.

Directions

1. Player #1 chooses one of the quadrilateral word cards and shows it to the other players. He or she states whether the quadrilateral pictured at the top of the sorting mat **IS** or **IS NOT** an example of that type and explains why.
2. Everyone on the team who agrees gives a thumbs up. If anyone disagrees or is not sure, he or she should call for a team discussion. Everyone discusses the characteristics of the quadrilateral and how it should be classified. Players may use the ruler or protractor to measure the sides and angles of the quadrilateral if necessary. When all students are in agreement, Player #1 places the quadrilateral word card under the correct heading.
3. The next player chooses any one of the remaining sorting cards and explains whether or not the polygon is an example of that type of quadrilateral. Team members who agree give a thumbs up; if anyone does not agree, the team must discuss it before Player #2 places it on the mat.
4. Continue taking turns around the team until ALL five sorting cards are on the mat. The next player to take a turn picks up the quadrilateral picture card at the top of the mat and turns it over. He or she reads the answers aloud while the others check the placement of the quadrilateral word cards. If any cards were not placed correctly, the team should discuss why.
5. Remove all five word cards from the mat and place the quadrilateral picture card to the side of the game. Repeat steps 1 through 4 for each quadrilateral picture card, taking turns around the team, until time runs out or all 12 quadrilateral cards have been classified.

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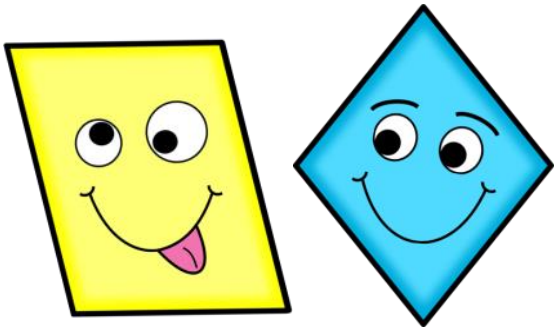

Classify It!

Place **Quadrilaterals to Classify** Here

Is	Is Not

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Quadrilaterals to Classify (1-6)

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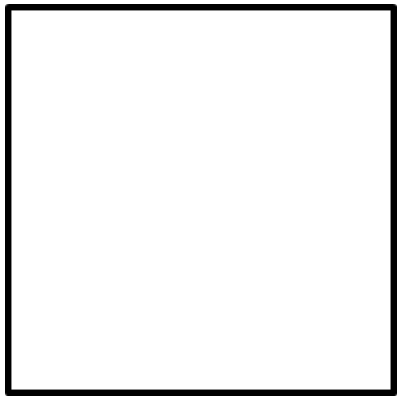

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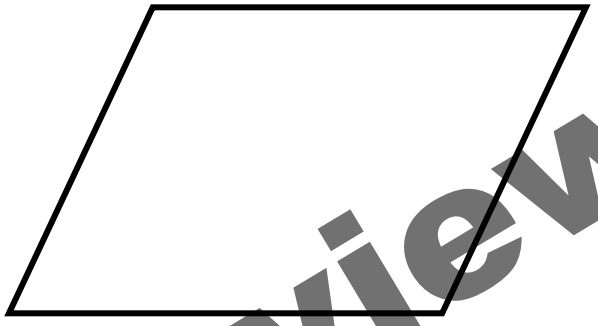

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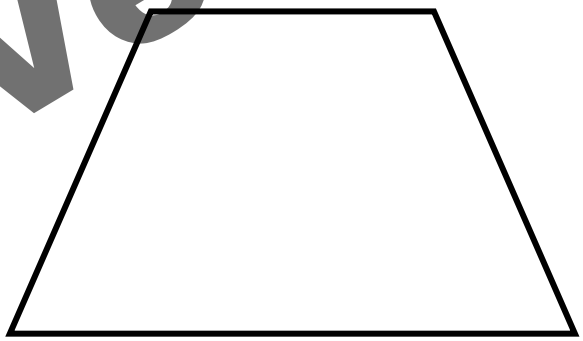

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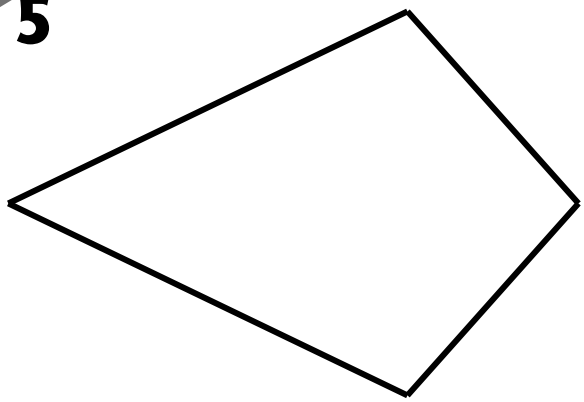

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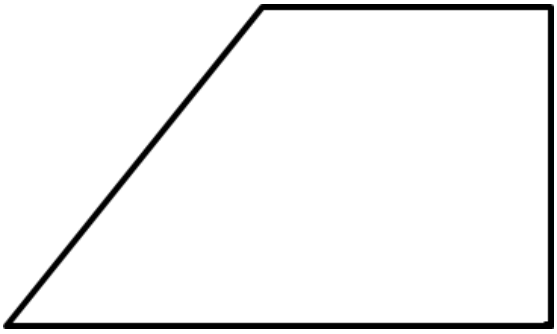

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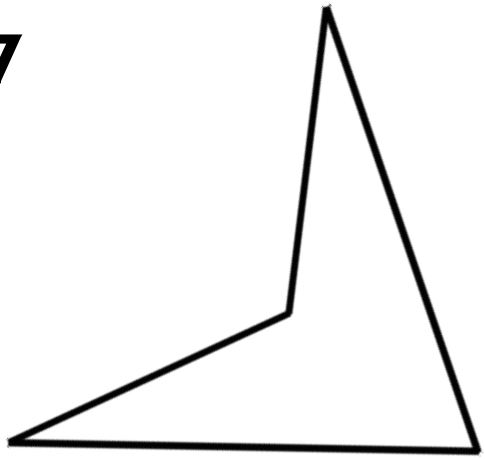

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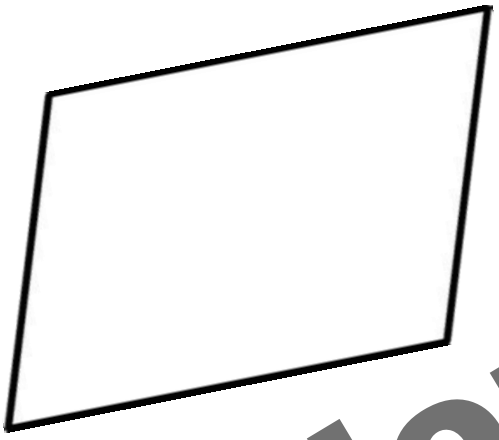

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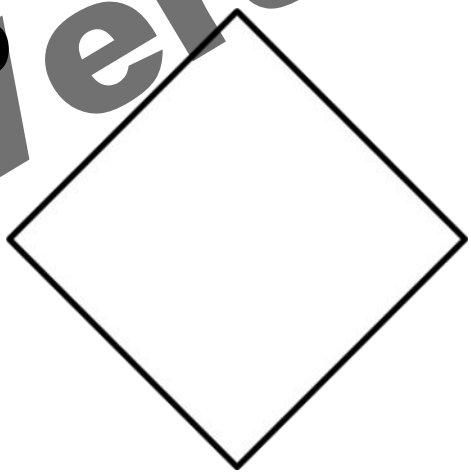

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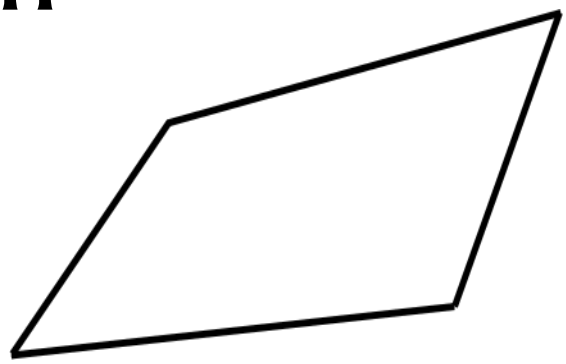

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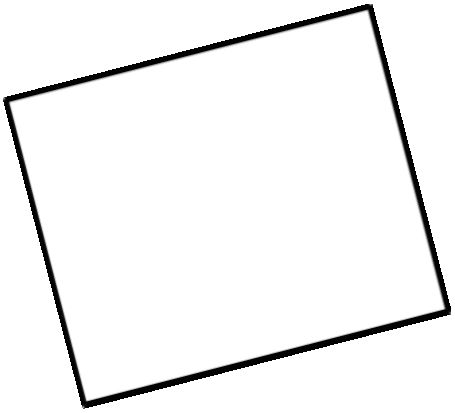

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Quadrilaterals to Classify - Answers 1-6

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Is	Is Not
rectangle parallelogram trapezoid	square rhombus

1

Is	Is Not
square rhombus rectangle parallelogram trapezoid	

4

Is	Is Not
trapezoid	square rhombus rectangle parallelogram

3

Is	Is Not
parallelogram trapezoid	square rhombus rectangle

6

Is	Is Not
trapezoid	square rhombus rectangle parallelogram

5

Is	Is Not
	square rhombus rectangle parallelogram trapezoid

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Quadrilaterals to Classify - Answers 7-12

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Is	Is Not
parallelogram trapezoid	square rectangle rhombus

7

Is	Is Not
	square rhombus rectangle parallelogram trapezoid

10

Is	Is Not
square rhombus rectangle parallelogram trapezoid	

9

Is	Is Not
trapezoid	square rhombus rectangle parallelogram

12

Is	Is Not
rectangle parallelogram trapezoid	square rhombus

11

Is	Is Not
	square rhombus rectangle parallelogram trapezoid

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Answer Key (Create Your Own)

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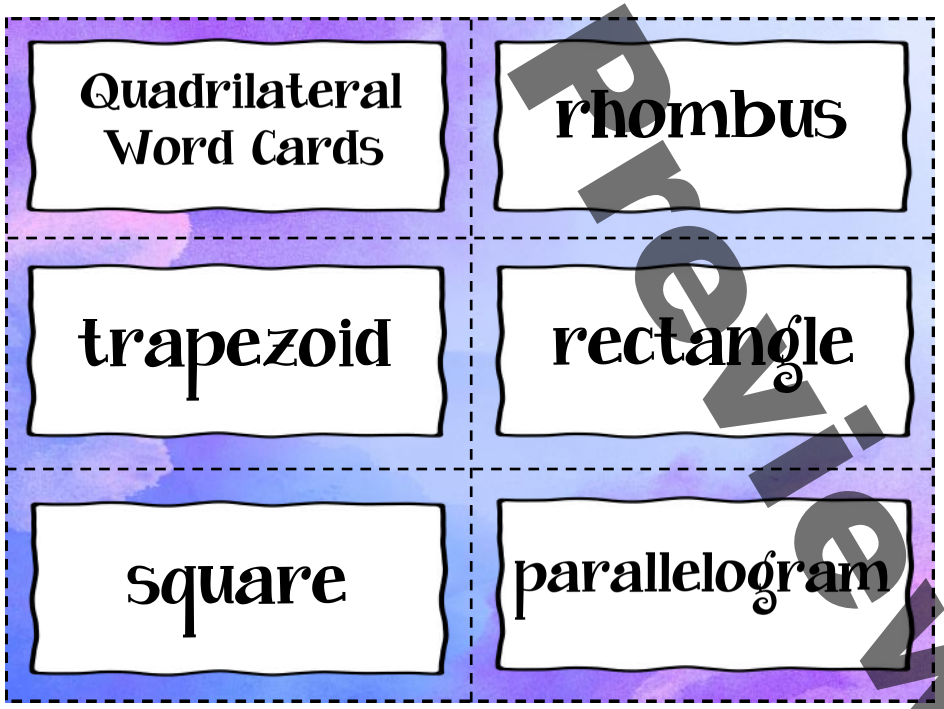

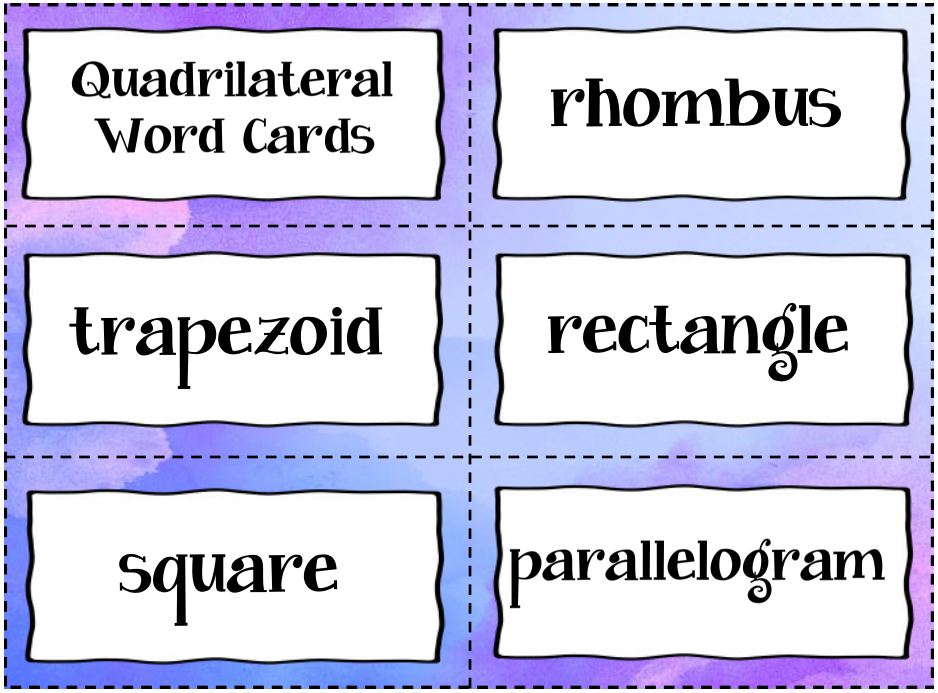

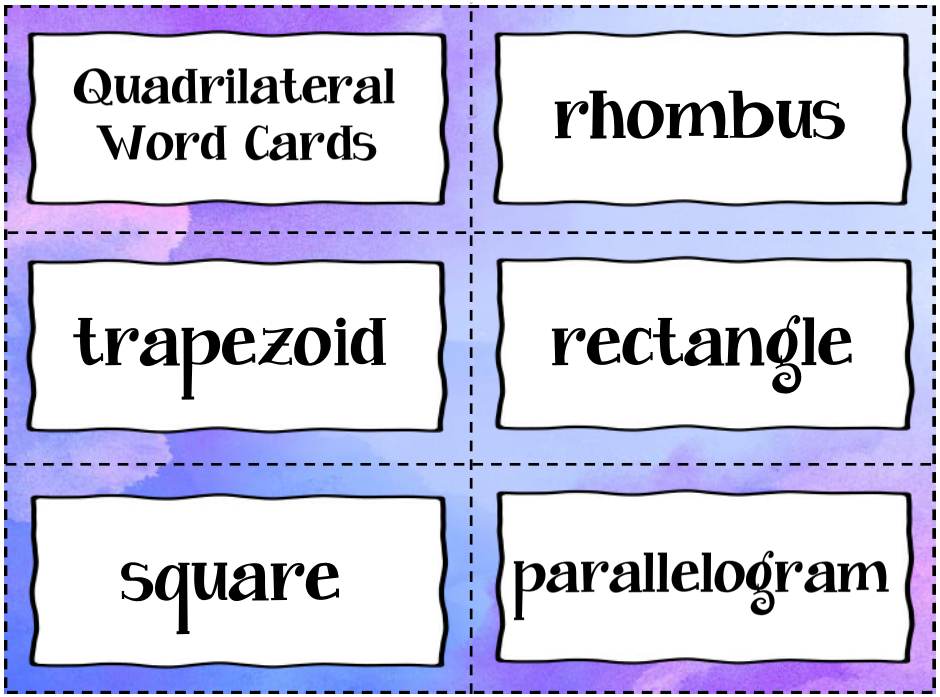

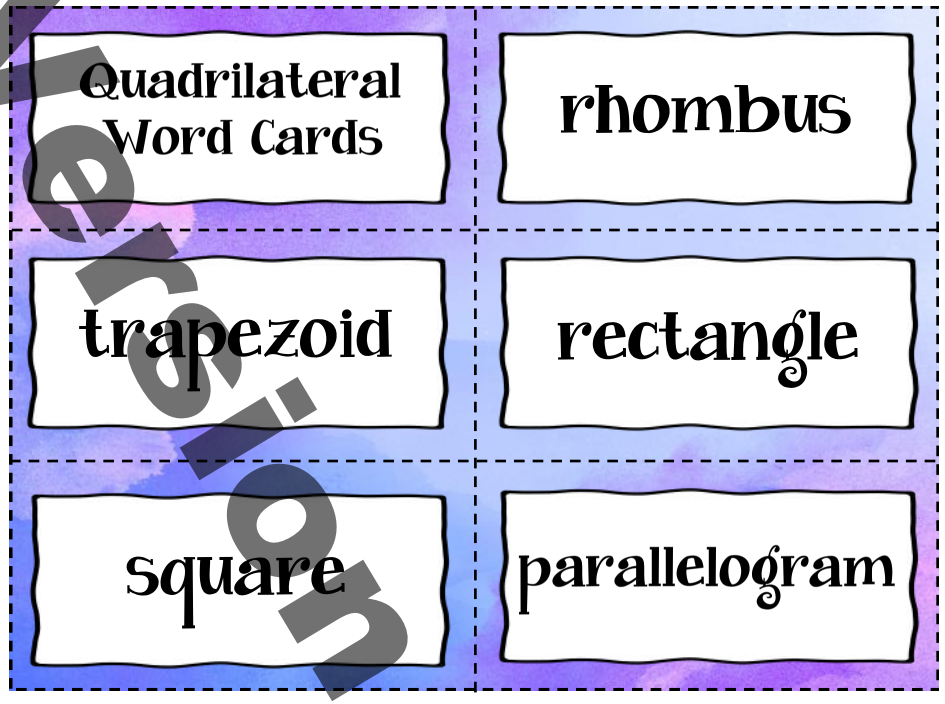

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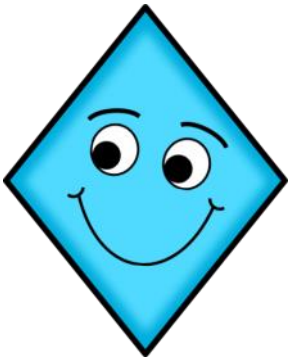
Classify It! Game



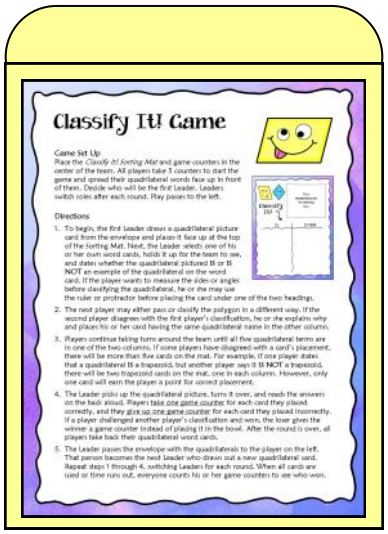
The Classify It! Game is the ultimate test of whether or not your students understand the essential attributes of quadrilaterals! The game is designed for two to four players, and it's competitive, with students scoring points for correct answers and losing points for incorrect answers. It's best to introduce the game after your students have participated in the sorting activity. This is a terrific game for math centers, but the rules are a bit tricky so you'll want to introduce the game to the whole class before putting it in a center.

Materials Needed and Advanced Preparation
Refer to the step-by-step directions on page 24 for details about how to prepare the game materials. The materials are a bit time consuming to prepare, so you'll need to plan for the game in advance. Be sure to laminate each set and store them to use again.

Assigning Teams or Partners
If you have a wide variety of abilities in your class, assign students to similar-ability teams for the game. If you have a group that needs extra help, you can supervise that group after you model the game for the rest of the class and get them started.

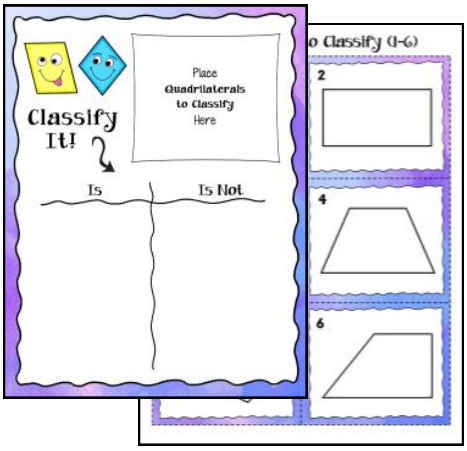
Lesson Suggestions

1. **Distribute the Game Materials**
   Give each team a large envelope with the Classify It! game materials inside and the game directions on the outside. In addition, give each team a small bowl of game counters (dried beans, bingo chips, etc.)



2. **Introduce the Classify It! Game**
   Explain that the Classify It! game is similar to the sorting activity, and it uses the same quadrilateral cards and sorting mat. However, the game is different in two important ways. First, players are not allowed to ask for help during the game, and they may not discuss the placement of the cards until the end of the game. Also, they will earn points for correct answers and lose points for incorrect answers.

   Walk your students through the directions, making sure they understand what to do if they disagree with the placement of a card and how to award points using the game counters.



3. **Students in Pairs or Play Game**
   Number the students clockwise around the team, so they know who the first Leader is and the order of play. As they are working, walk around to see if they are following the game directions and classifying the quadrilaterals properly.

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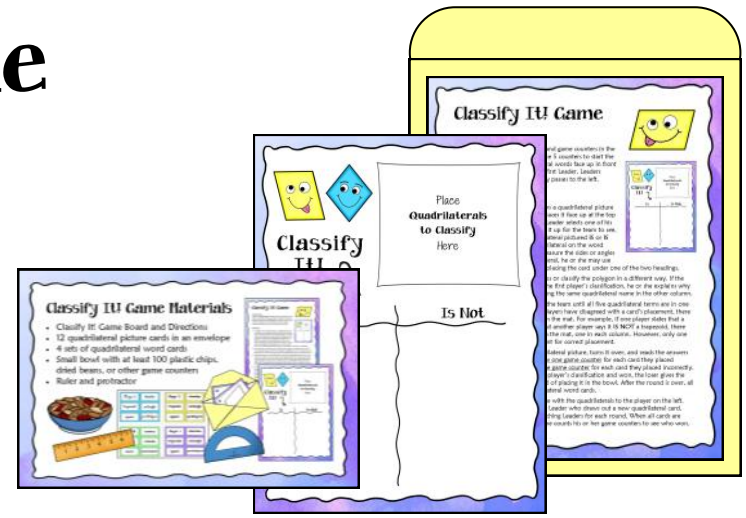
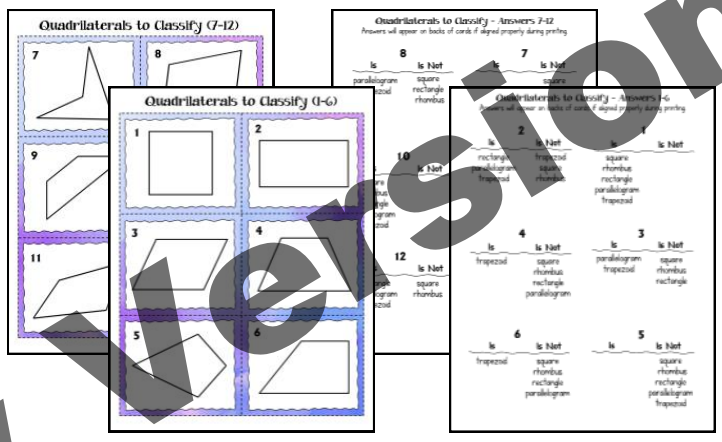
Classify It! Game

Materials and Advanced Prep



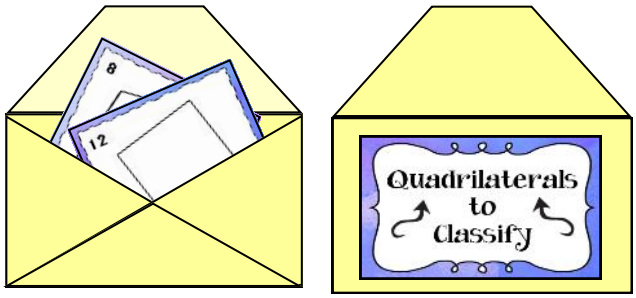
Printables Needed for 4 Players

- 1 Classify It! Sorting Mat
- 1 Classify It! Game Directions
- Half-page list of Classify It! Game Materials
- 2 pages of Quadrilaterals to Classify cards
- 2 pages of Answers for Quadrilateral cards
- 1 Quadrilaterals to Classify Label
- 1 page Quadrilateral Word Cards (4 sets)



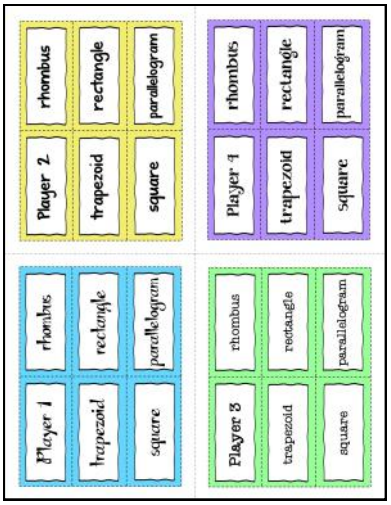
Other Materials Needed

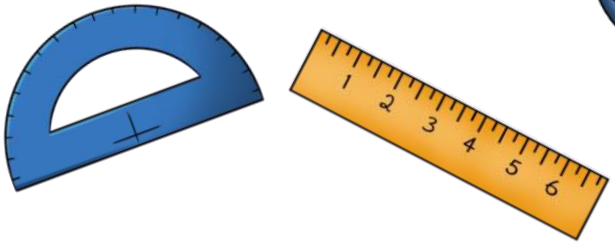
- 4 paper clips
- 1 ruler
- 1 protractor
- Small envelope for the quadrilateral cards
- Large envelope for storing materials
- 1 small bowl with about 100 dried beans, bingo chips or game counters



Preparation Tips

1. Print the Quadrilaterals to Classify pages with the illustrations on one side and the answers on the backs. If aligned properly, the answers will end up on the back of each card. Cut the 12 cards apart.
2. Glue a prepared label onto the front of an envelope. Place all 12 cards inside.
3. Cut apart each of the 4 sets of quadrilateral word cards and paperclip each set together.
4. Put about 100 dried beans, bingo chips, or other game counters in a small bowl.
5. Glue the game directions onto the outside of the large envelope. Follow the half-page list of game materials, and place all materials (other than the game counters) inside the large envelope.





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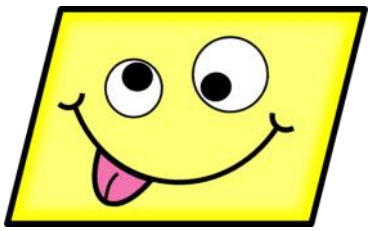
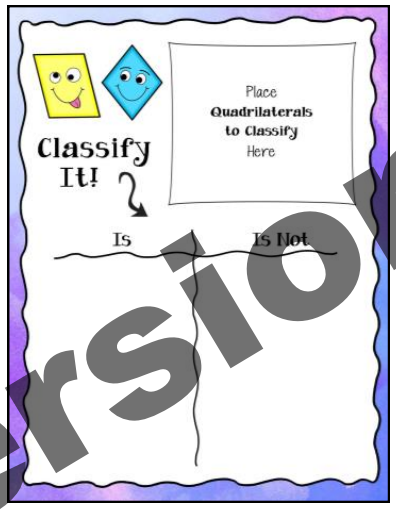


Game Set Up

Place the Classify It! Sorting Mat and game counters in the center of the team. All players take 5 counters to start the game and spread their quadrilateral words face up in front of them. Decide who will be the first Leader. Leaders switch roles after each round. Play passes to the left.



Directions

1. To begin, the first Leader draws a quadrilateral picture card from the envelope and places it face up at the top of the Sorting Mat. Next, the Leader selects one of his or her own word cards, holds it up for the team to see, and states whether the quadrilateral pictured **IS** or **IS NOT** an example of the quadrilateral on the word card. If the player wants to measure the sides or angles before classifying the quadrilateral, he or she may use the ruler or protractor before placing the card under one of the two headings.
2. The next player may either pass or classify the polygon in a different way. If the second player disagrees with the first player's classification, he or she explains why and places his or her card having the same quadrilateral name in the other column.
3. Players continue taking turns around the team until all five quadrilateral terms are in one of the two columns. If some players have disagreed with a card's placement, there will be more than five cards on the mat. For example, if one player states that a quadrilateral **IS** a trapezoid, but another player says it **IS NOT** a trapezoid, there will be two trapezoid cards on the mat, one in each column. However, only one card will earn the player a point for correct placement.
4. The Leader picks up the quadrilateral picture, turns it over, and reads the answers on the back aloud. Players take one game counter for each card they placed correctly, and they give up one game counter for each card they placed incorrectly. If a player challenged another player's classification and won, the loser gives the winner a game counter instead of placing it in the bowl. After the round is over, all players take back their quadrilateral word cards.
5. The Leader passes the envelope with the quadrilaterals to the player on the left. That person becomes the next Leader who draws out a new quadrilateral card. Repeat steps 1 through 4, switching Leaders for each round. When all cards are used or time runs out, everyone counts his or her game counters to see who won.

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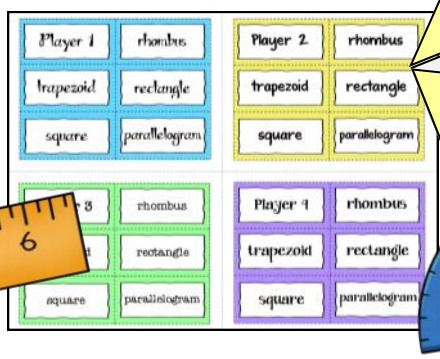
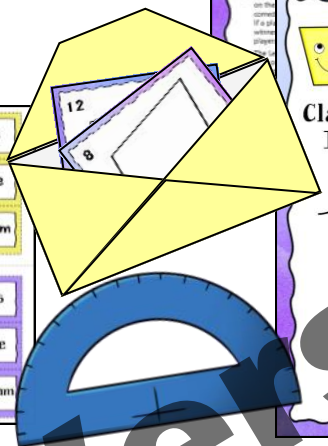
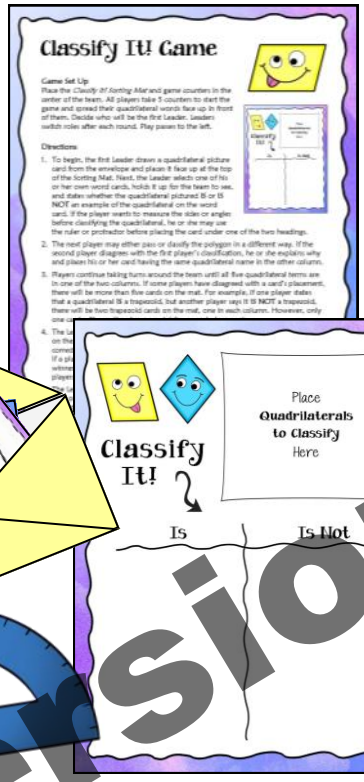
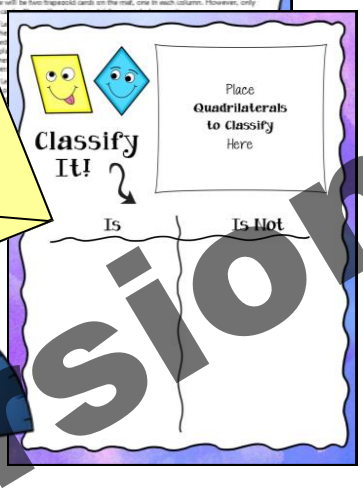
Classify It! Game Materials

- Classify It! Sorting Mat and Game Directions
- 12 quadrilateral picture cards in an envelope
- 4 sets of quadrilateral word cards
- Small bowl with at least 100 plastic chips, dried beans, or other game counters
- Ruler and protractor









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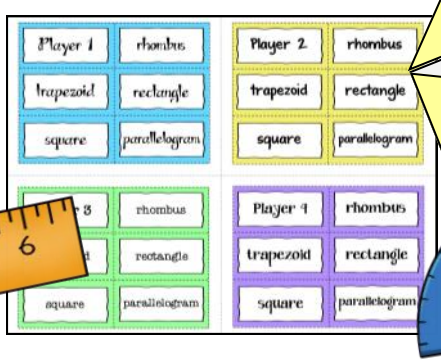

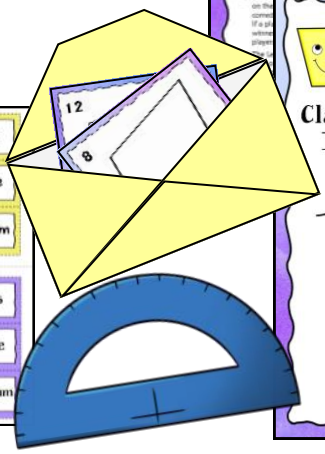

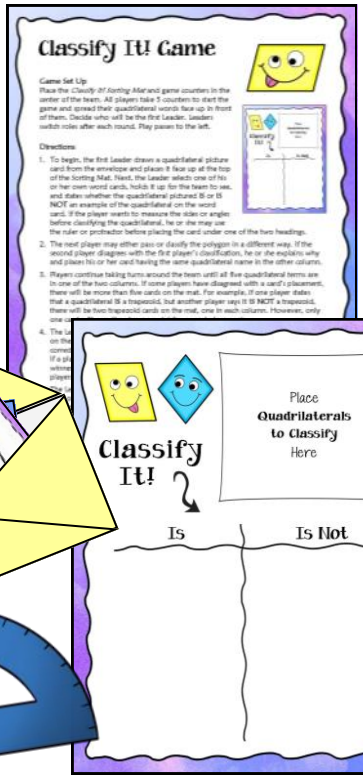

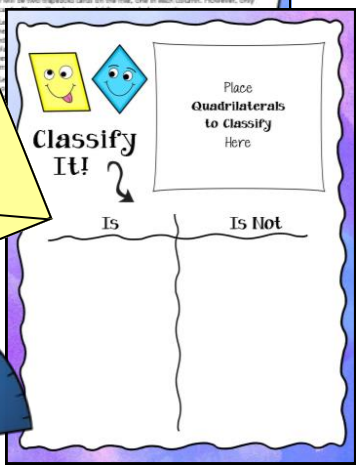

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trapezoid	rectangle
square	parallelogram

Player 2	rhombus
trapezoid	rectangle
square	parallelogram

Player 3	rhombus
trapezoid	rectangle
square	parallelogram

Player 4	rhombus
trapezoid	rectangle
square	parallelogram

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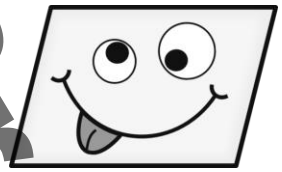

Quadrilateral Classification Quiz A

Decide if each polygon below is an example of the five types of quadrilaterals. Write **Y** for yes or **N** for no on the line next to each quadrilateral name. Each answer is worth 4 points.

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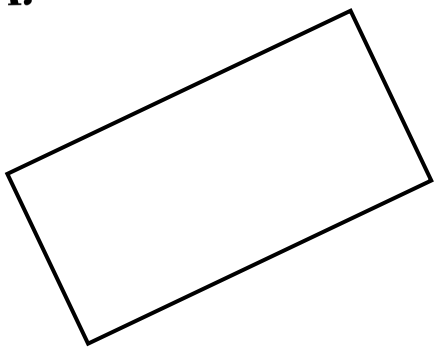

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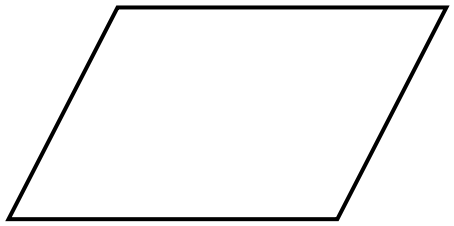

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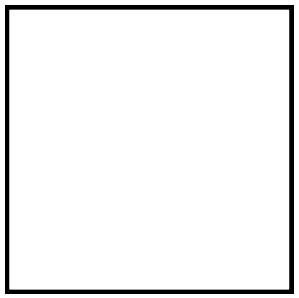

_____ 11. square

_____ 12. rectangle

_____ 13. rhombus

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_____ 15. trapezoid

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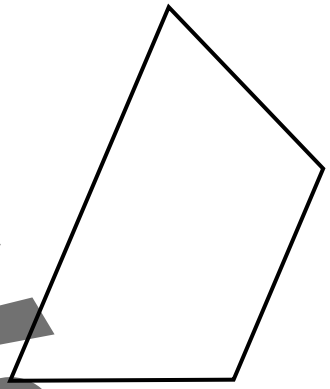

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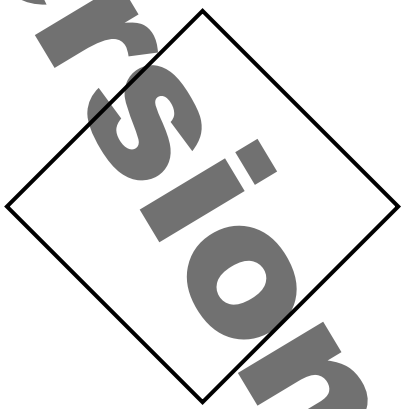

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_____ 22. rectangle

_____ 23. rhombus

_____ 24. parallelogram

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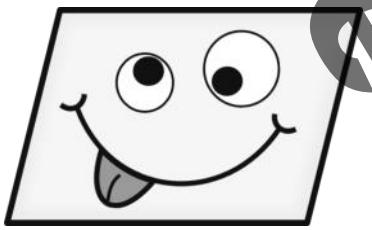
Quadrilateral Classification Quiz A Answer Key



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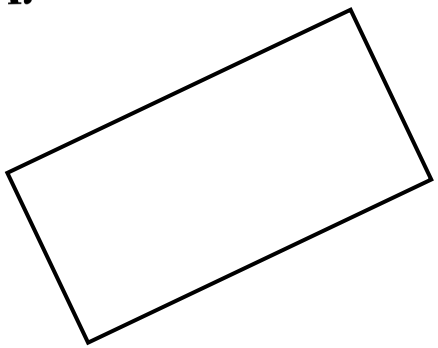

N 1. square
Y 2. rectangle
N 3. rhombus
Y 4. parallelogram
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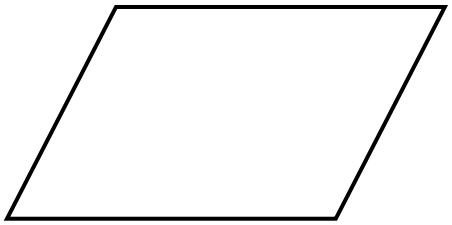

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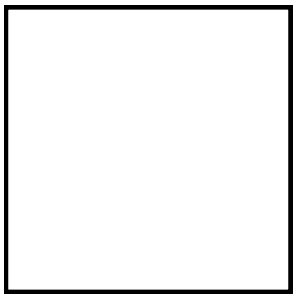

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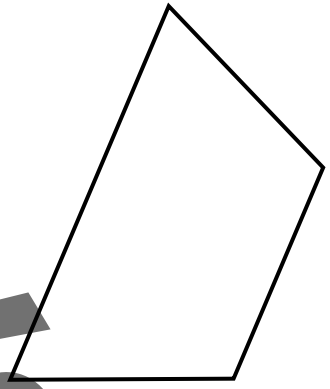

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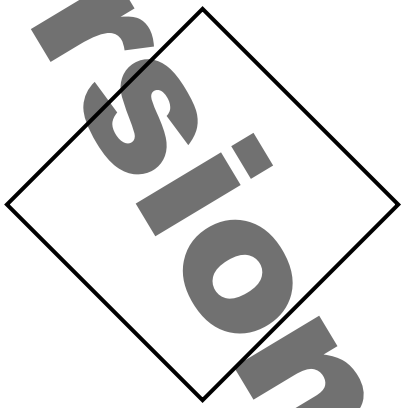

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Quadrilateral Classification Quiz B

Decide if each polygon below is an example of the five types of quadrilaterals. Write **Y** for yes or **N** for no on the line next to each quadrilateral name. Each answer is worth 4 points.

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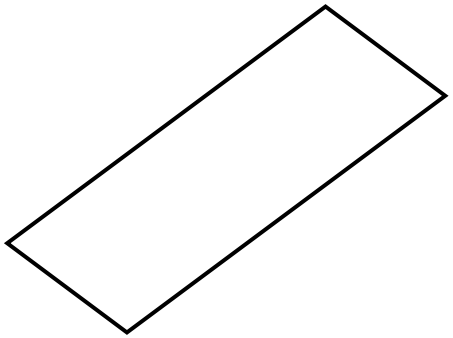

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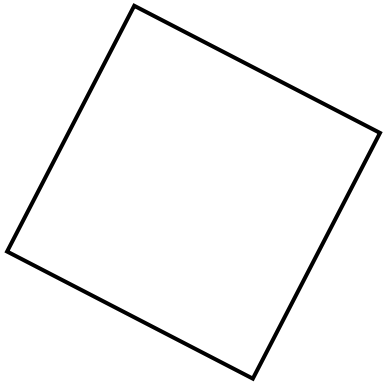

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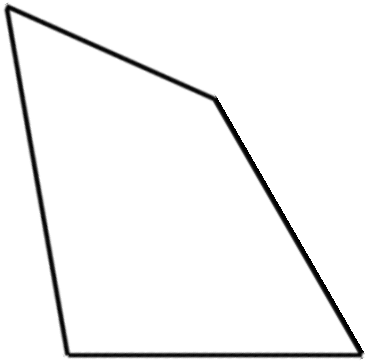

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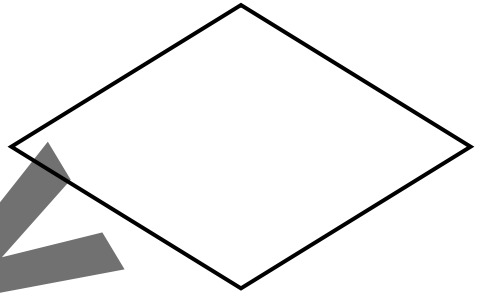

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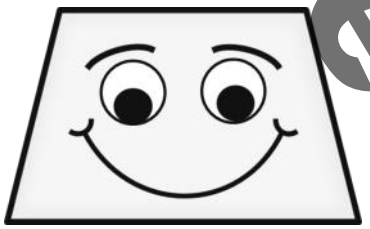
Quadrilateral Classification
Quiz B Answer Key



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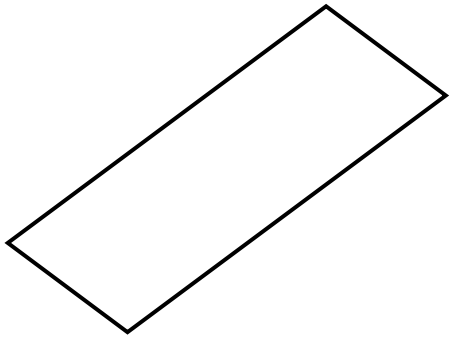

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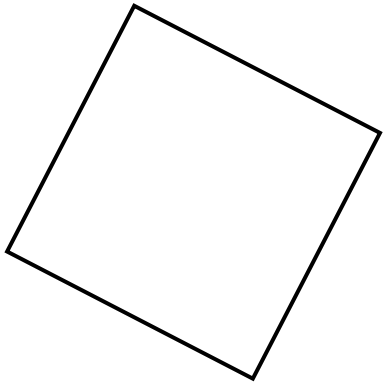

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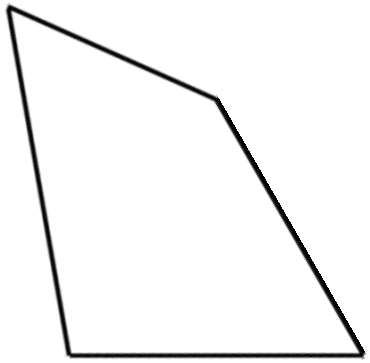

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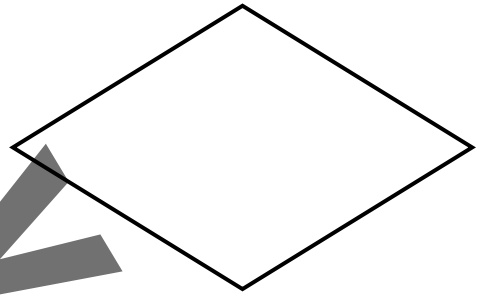

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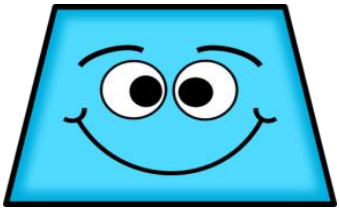
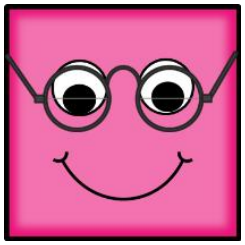
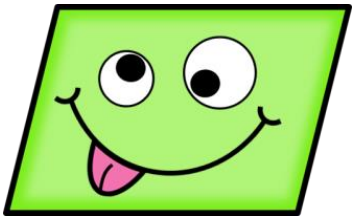

Appendix

Additional Printables & Page Variations

This appendix includes black and white versions of the student pages. You'll also find blank templates to use for creating your own task cards or modifying the answer keys. In addition, you'll find some variations of the pages with the silly quadrilateral faces that don't include the faces. Scroll through the selection of printables to find what you need!

Preview Version

Types of Quadrilaterals

Essential Attributes

Square

4 equivalent sides and 4 right angles

Rectangle

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Parallelogram

4 sides and both sets of opposite sides parallel

Rhombus

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Trapezoid

4 sides and at least 1 pair of parallel sides

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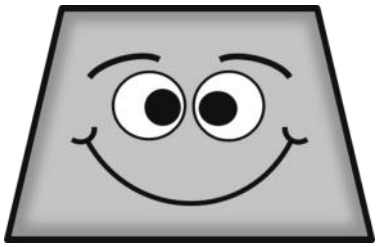

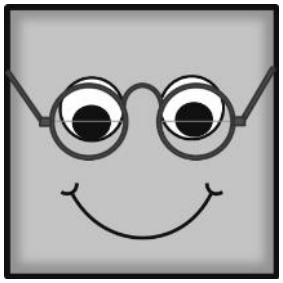

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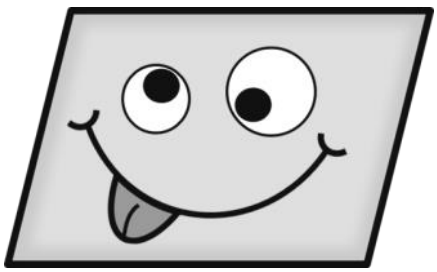

Trapezoid

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Types of Quadrilaterals - Page 1

square

rhombus

rectangle

parallelogram

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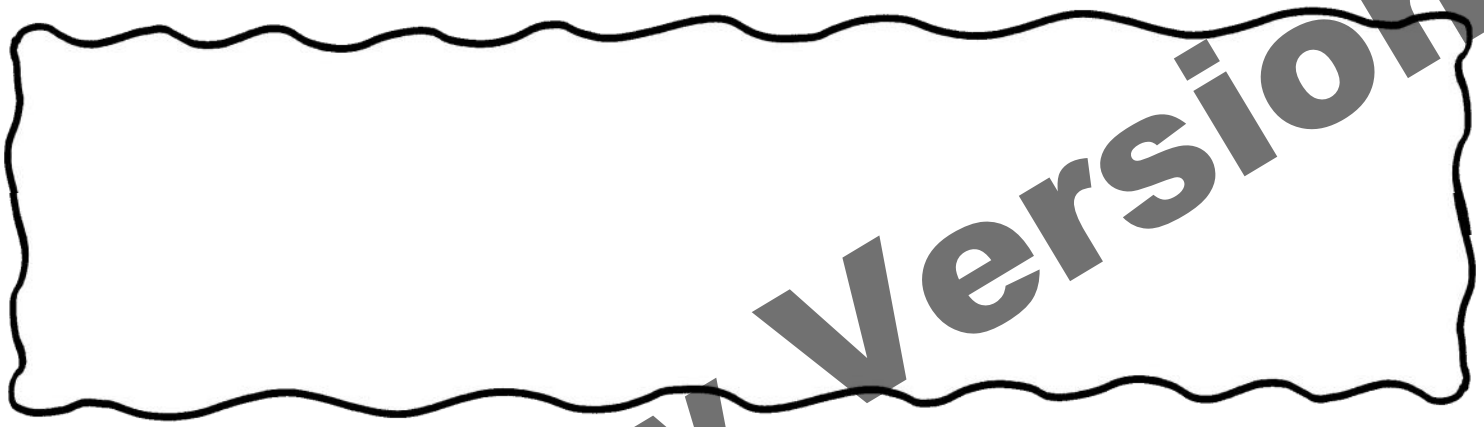
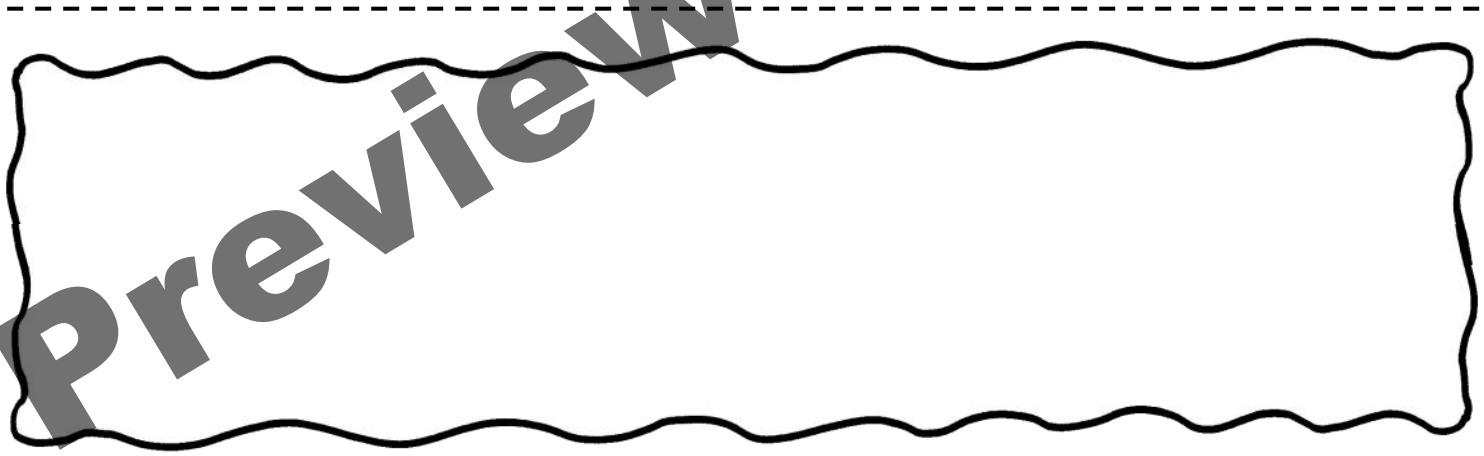
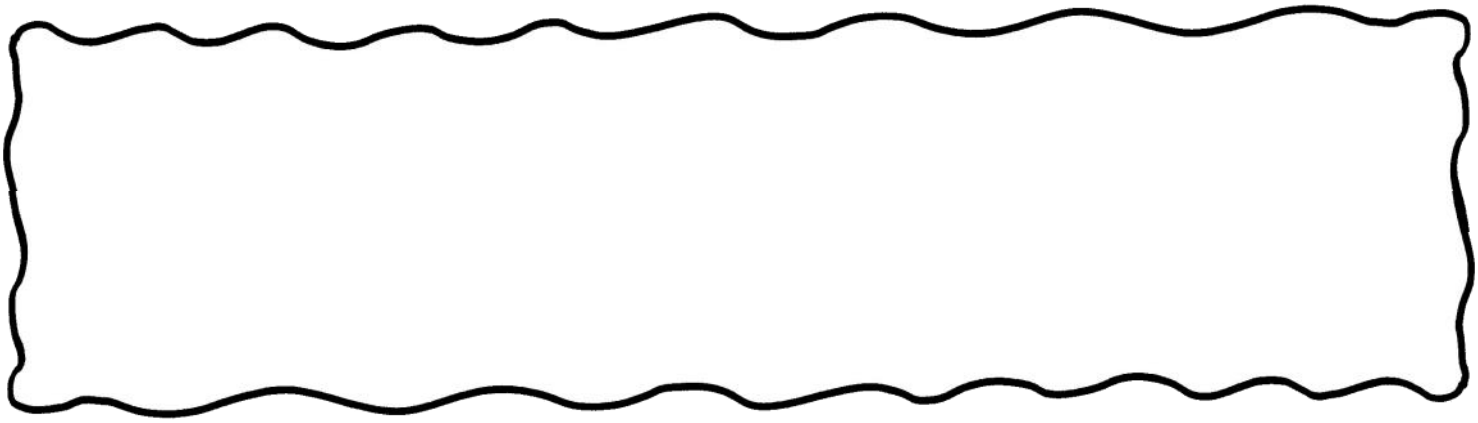
Types of Quadrilaterals - Page 2

trapezoid







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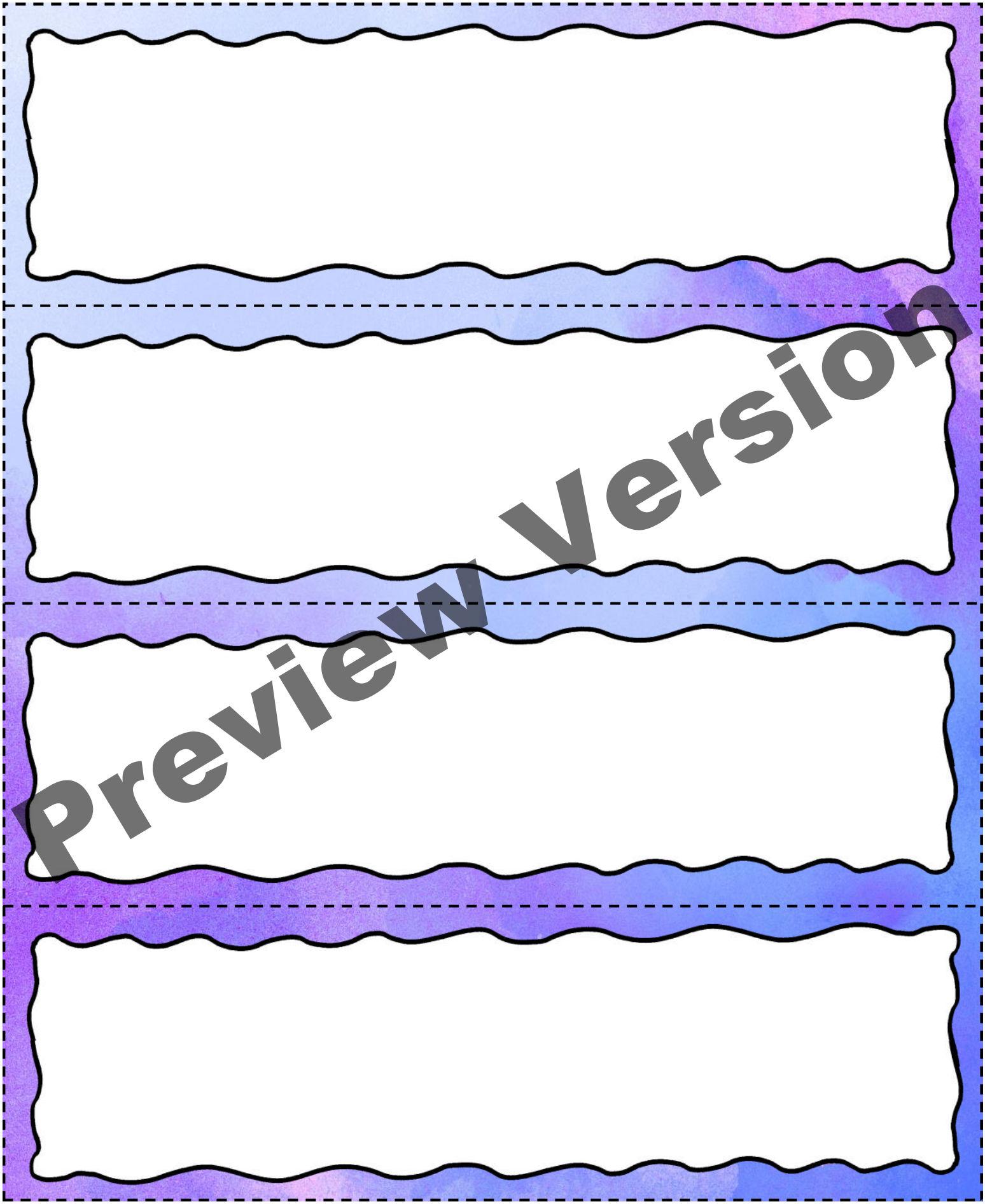

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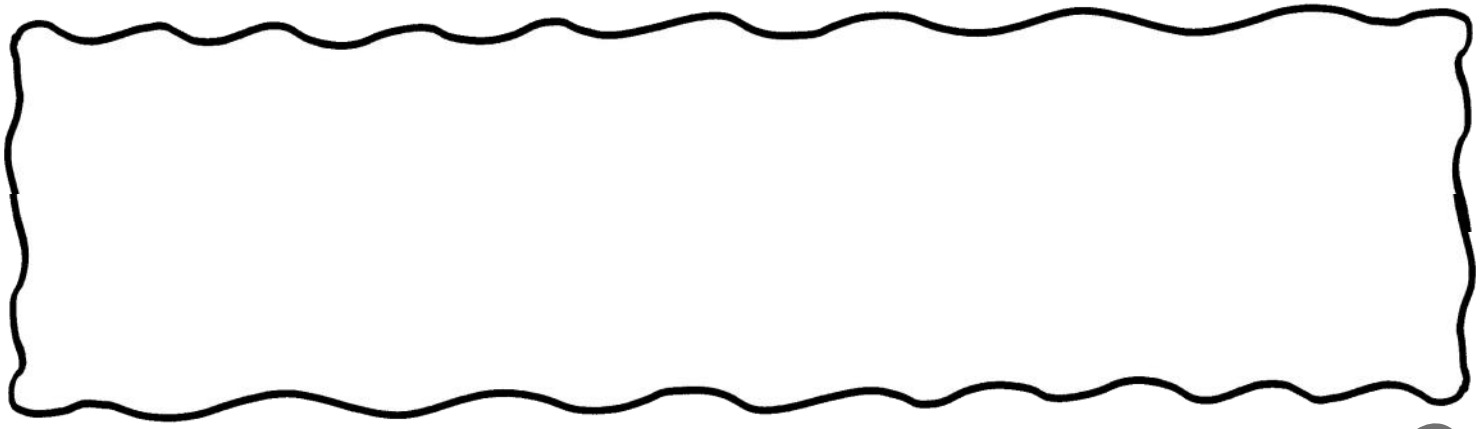

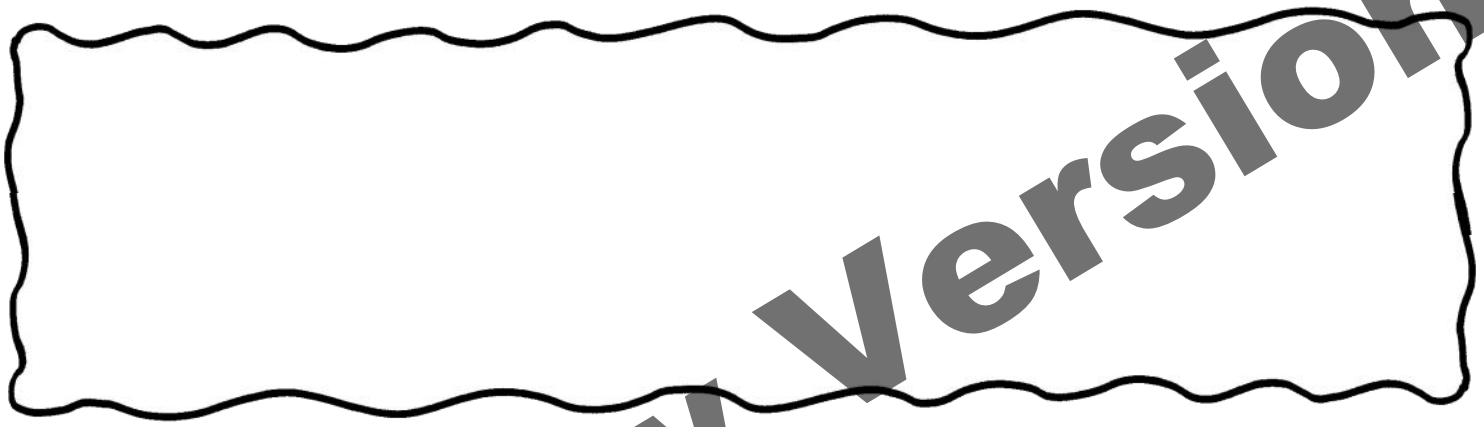

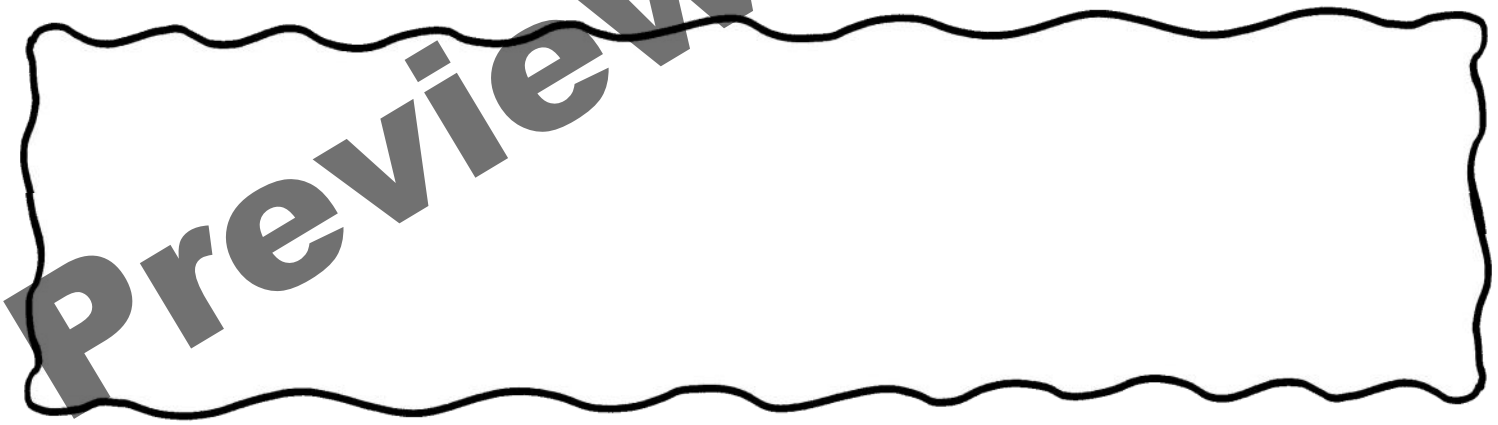

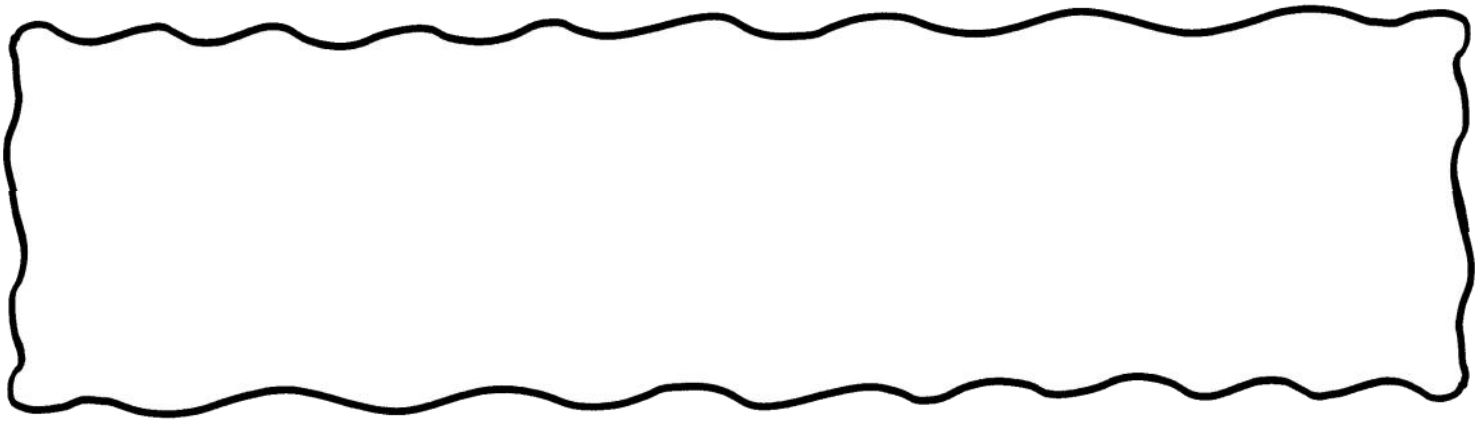

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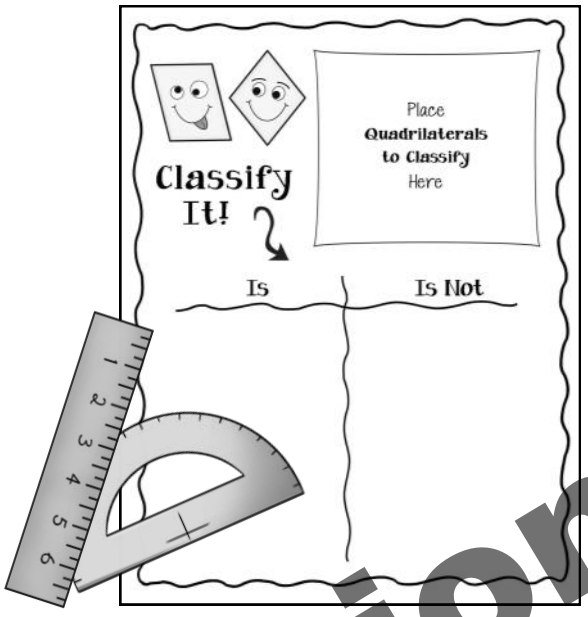
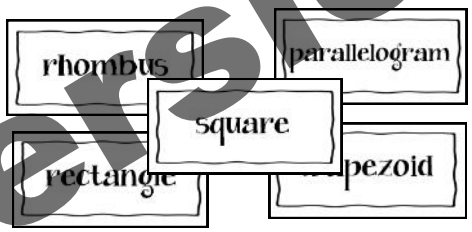
Classify It! Sorting Activity





Set Up for 2 to 4 Players
Stack the quadrilateral picture cards face up at the top of the sorting mat, and spread out the word cards near the mat. Players take turns throughout the game.

Directions

1. Player #1 chooses one of the quadrilateral word cards and shows it to the other players. He or she states whether the quadrilateral pictured at the top of the sorting mat **IS** or **IS NOT** an example of that type and explains why.
2. Everyone on the team who agrees gives a thumbs up. If anyone disagrees or is not sure, he or she should call for a team discussion. Everyone discusses the characteristics of the quadrilateral and how it should be classified. Players may use the ruler or protractor to measure the sides and angles of the quadrilateral if necessary. When all students are in agreement, Player #1 places the quadrilateral word card under the correct heading.
3. The next player chooses any one of the remaining sorting cards and explains whether or not the polygon is an example of that type of quadrilateral. Team members who agree give a thumbs up; if anyone does not agree, the team must discuss it before Player #2 places it on the mat.
4. Continue taking turns around the team until ALL five sorting cards are on the mat. The next player to take a turn picks up the quadrilateral picture card at the top of the mat and turns it over. He or she reads the answers aloud while the others check the placement of the quadrilateral word cards. If any cards were not placed correctly, the team should discuss why.
5. Remove all five word cards from the mat and place the quadrilateral picture card to the side of the game. Repeat steps 1 through 4 for each quadrilateral picture card, taking turns around the team, until time runs out or all 12 quadrilateral cards have been classified.

Preview Version

Quadrilateral Word Cards	rhombus
trapezoid	rectangle
square	parallelogram

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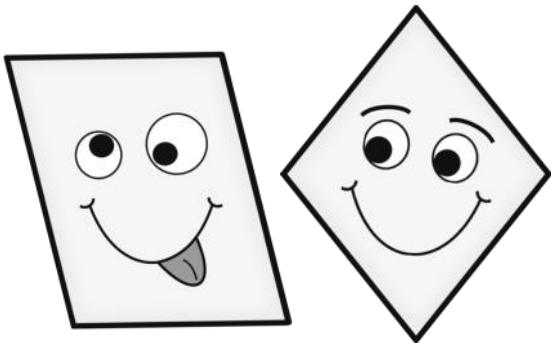

Classify It!

Place **Quadrilaterals to Classify** Here

Is	Is Not

Preview Version

Classify It!

Place **Quadrilaterals to Classify** Here

Is	Is Not

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Labels for Quadrilateral Envelopes

Quadrilaterals to Classify

Quadrilaterals to Classify

Quadrilaterals to Classify

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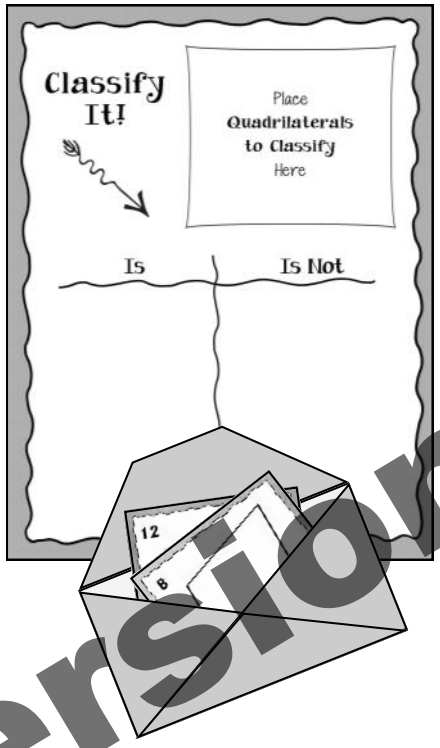
Classify It! Game



Game Set Up

Place the *Classify It! Sorting Mat* and game counters in the center of the team. All players take 5 counters to start the game and spread their quadrilateral words face up in front of them. Decide who will be the first Leader. Leaders switch roles after each round. Play passes to the left.

Directions

1. To begin, the first Leader draws a quadrilateral picture card from the envelope and places it face up at the top of the Sorting Mat. Next, the Leader selects one of his or her own word cards, holds it up for the team to see, and states whether the quadrilateral pictured **IS** or **IS NOT** an example of the quadrilateral on the word card. If the player wants to measure the sides or angles before classifying the quadrilateral, he or she may use the ruler or protractor before placing the card under one of the two headings.
2. The next player may either pass or classify the polygon in a different way. If the second player disagrees with the first player's classification, he or she explains why and places his or her card having the same quadrilateral name in the other column.
3. Players continue taking turns around the team until all five quadrilateral terms are in one of the two columns. If some players have disagreed with a card's placement, there will be more than five cards on the mat. For example, if one player states that a quadrilateral **IS** a trapezoid, but another player says it **IS NOT** a trapezoid, there will be two trapezoid cards on the mat, one in each column. However, only one card will earn the player a point for correct placement.
4. The Leader picks up the quadrilateral picture, turns it over, and reads the answers on the back aloud. Players take one game counter for each card they placed correctly, and they give up one game counter for each card they placed incorrectly. If a player challenged another player's classification and won, the loser gives the winner a game counter instead of placing it in the bowl. After the round is over, all players take back their quadrilateral word cards.
5. The Leader passes the envelope with the quadrilaterals to the player on the left. That person becomes the next Leader who draws out a new quadrilateral card. Repeat steps 1 through 4, switching Leaders for each round. When all cards are used or time runs out, everyone counts his or her game counters to see who won.

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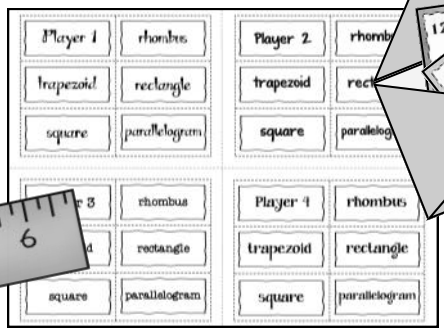
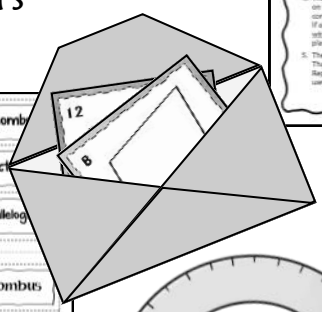
Classify It! Game Materials

- Classify It! Sorting Mat and Game Directions
- 12 quadrilateral picture cards in an envelope
- 4 sets of quadrilateral word cards
- Small bowl with at least 100 plastic chips, dried beans, or other game counters
- Ruler and protractor





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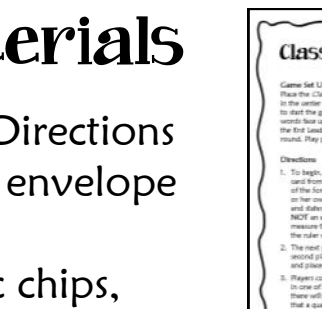

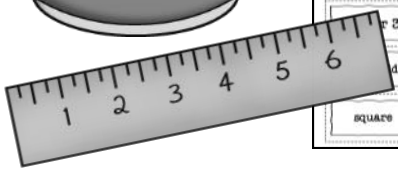

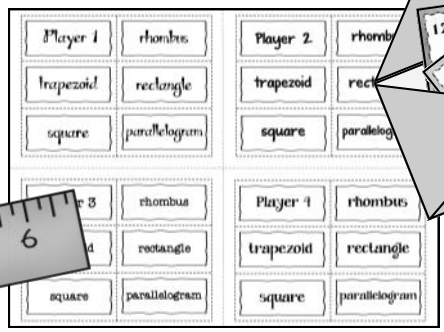

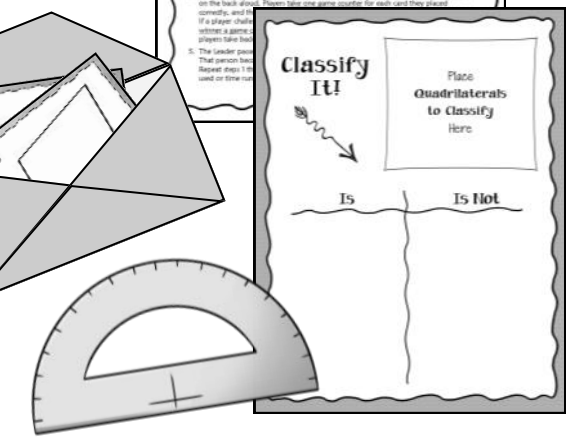

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square	parallelogram

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Player 3	rhombus
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square	parallelogram

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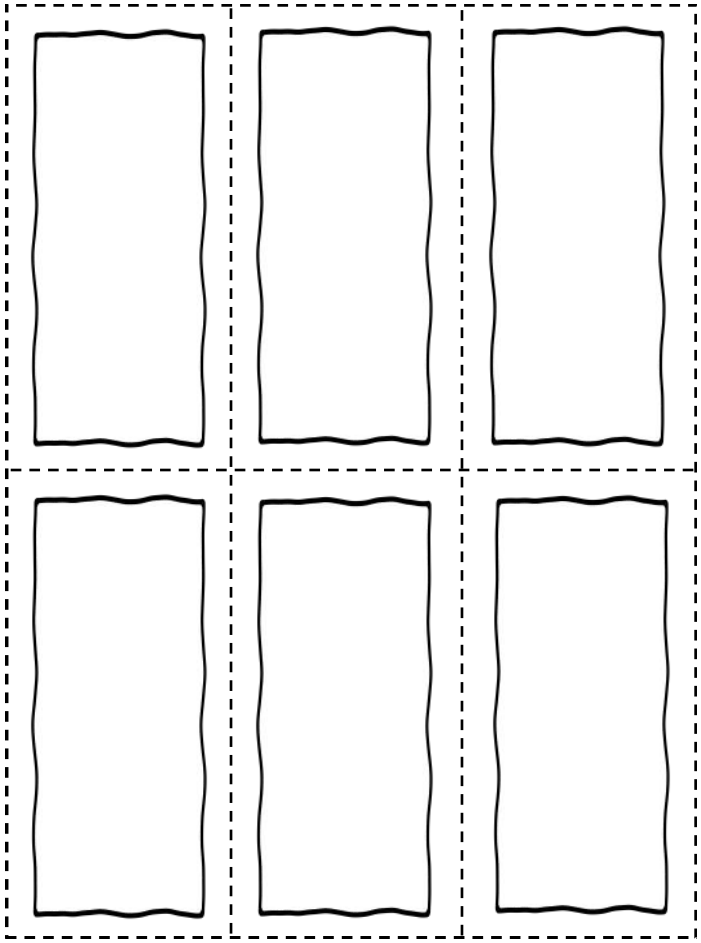

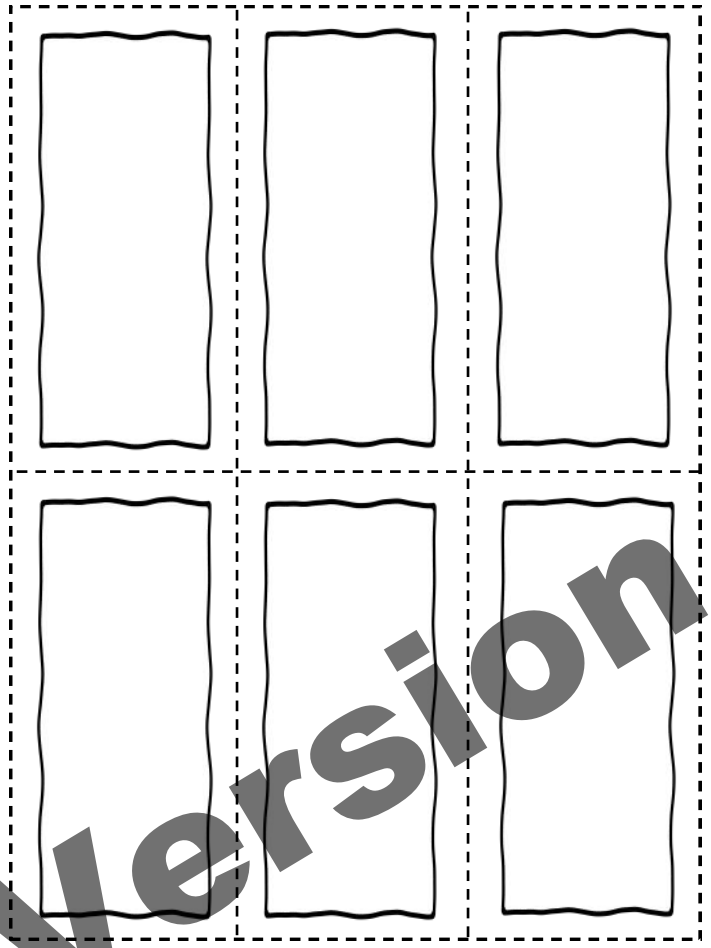

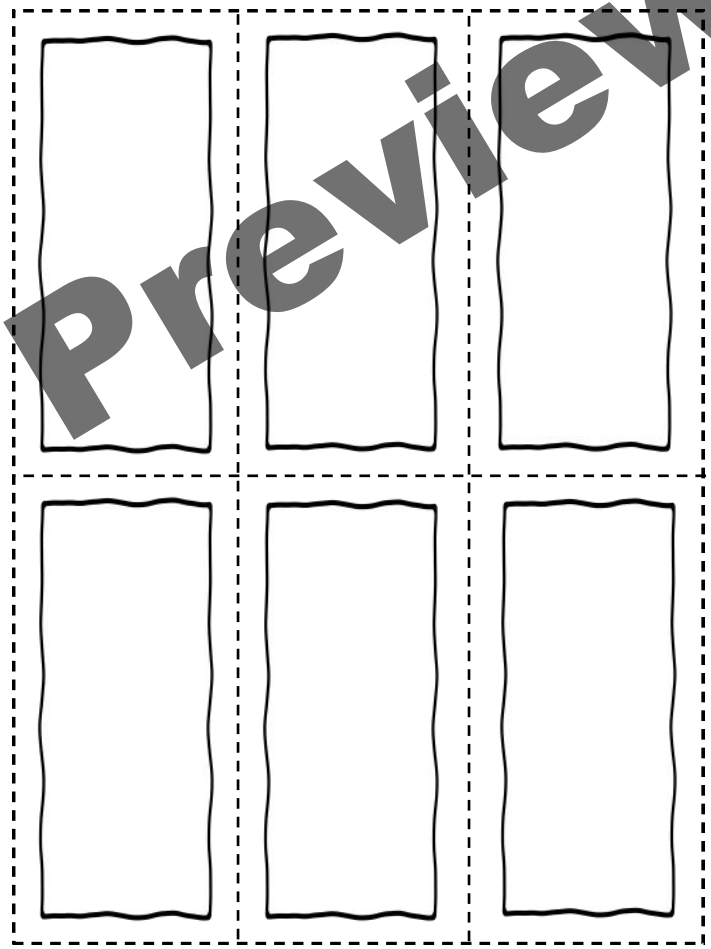

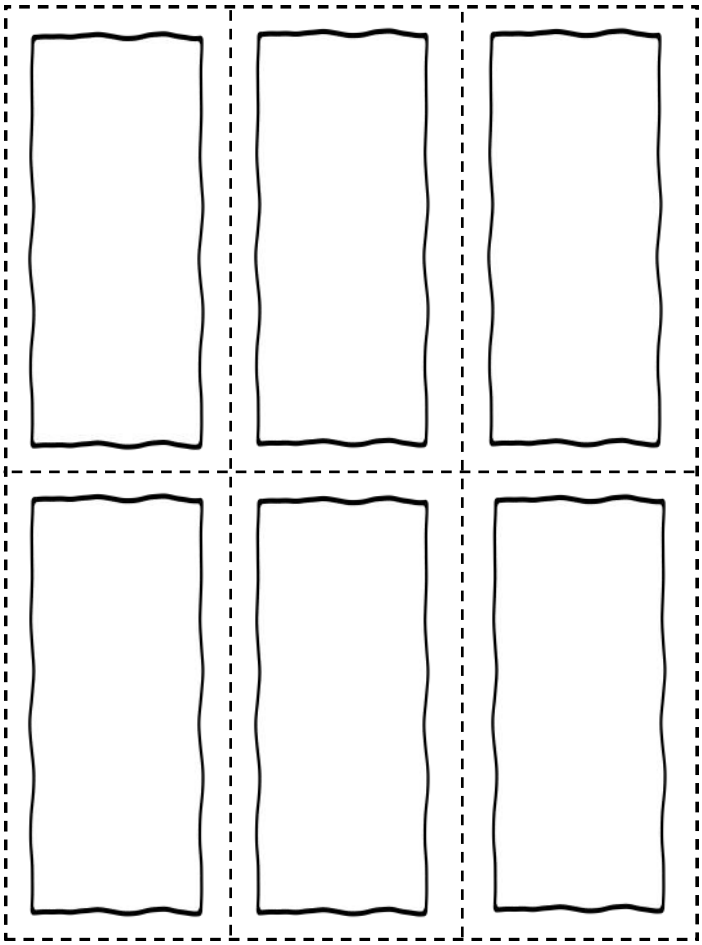

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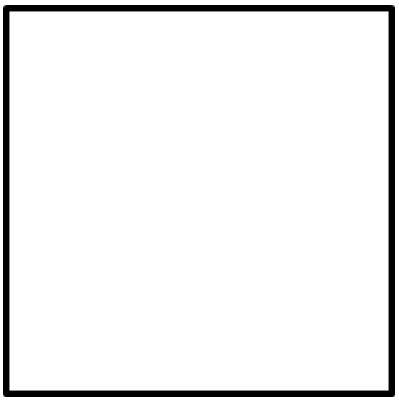

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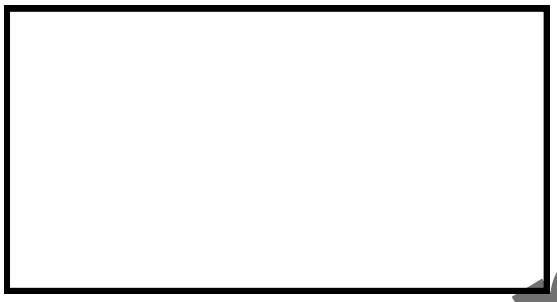

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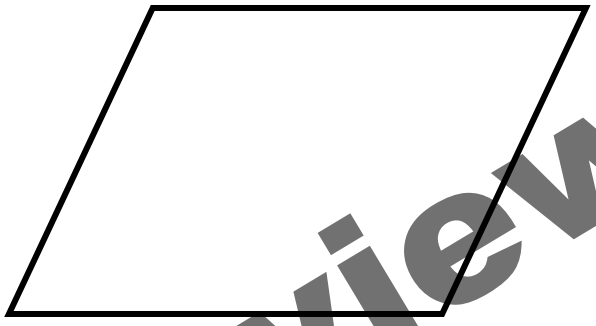

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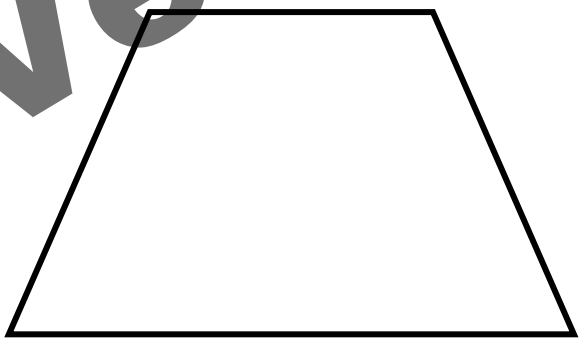

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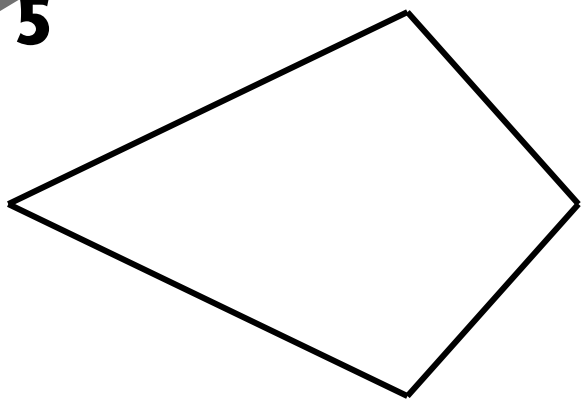

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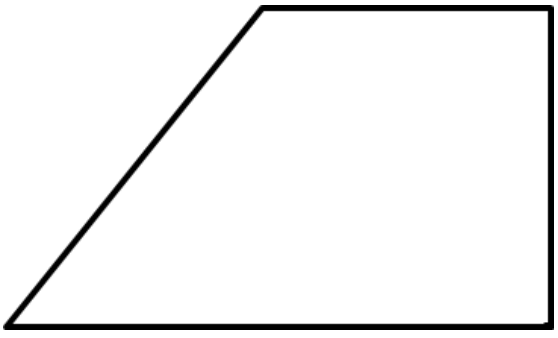

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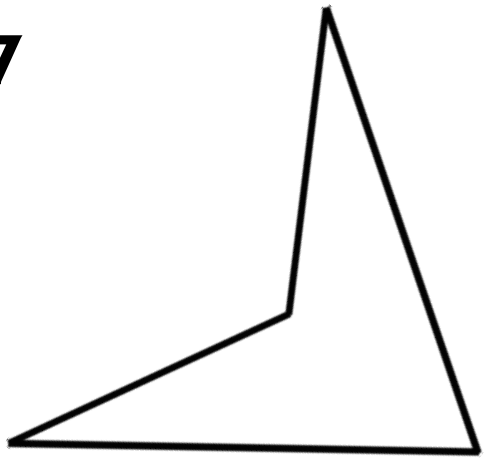

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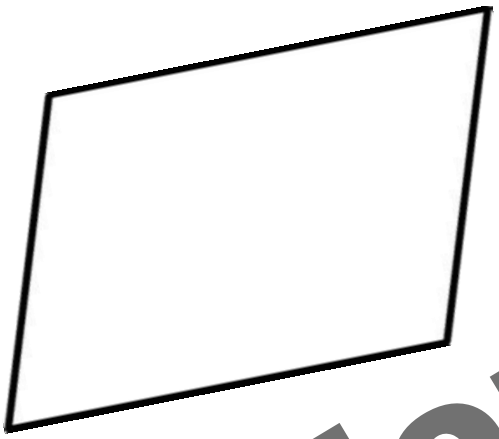

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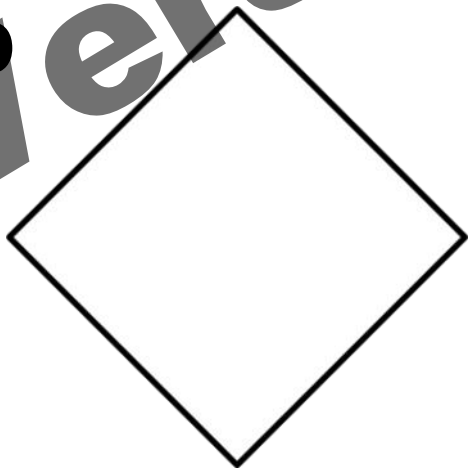

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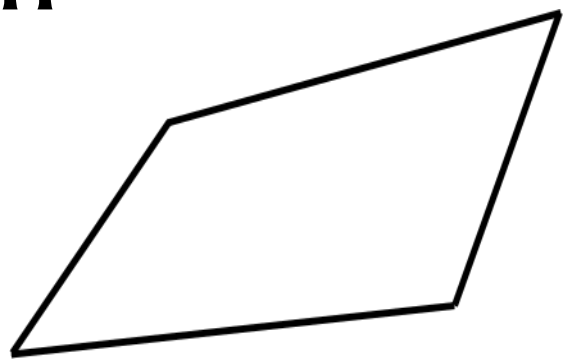

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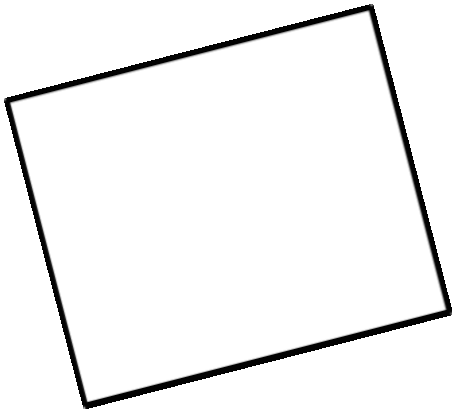

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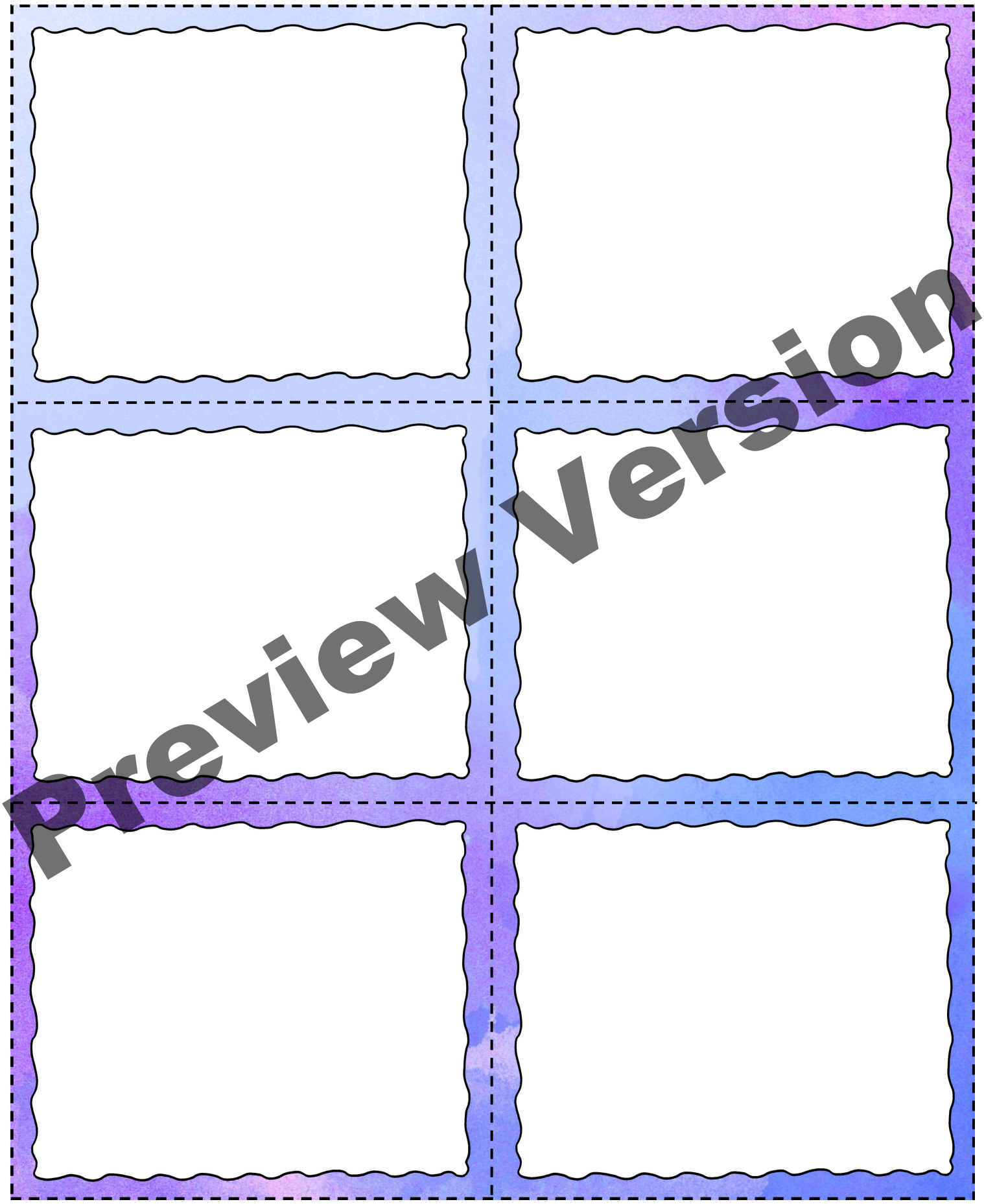

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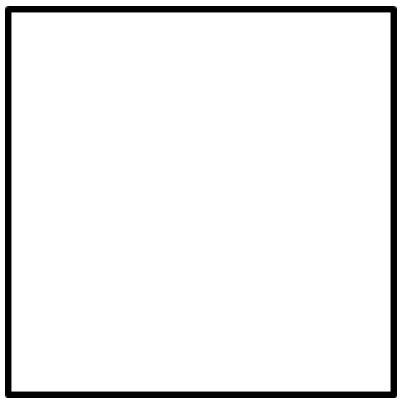

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Is	Is Not
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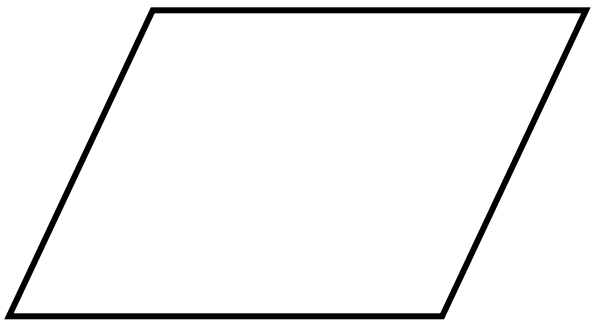

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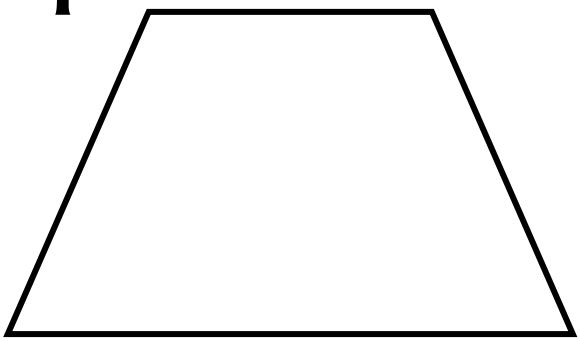

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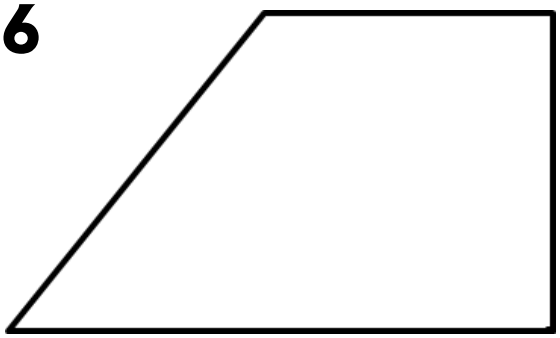

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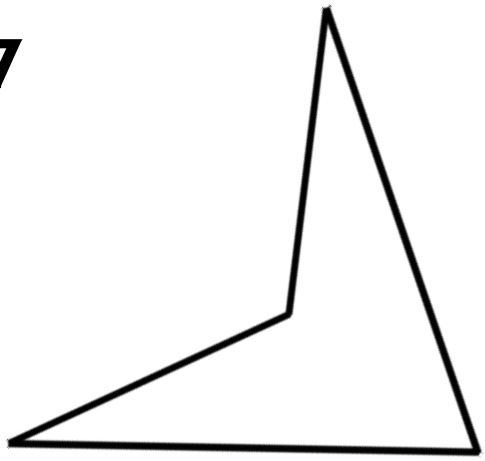

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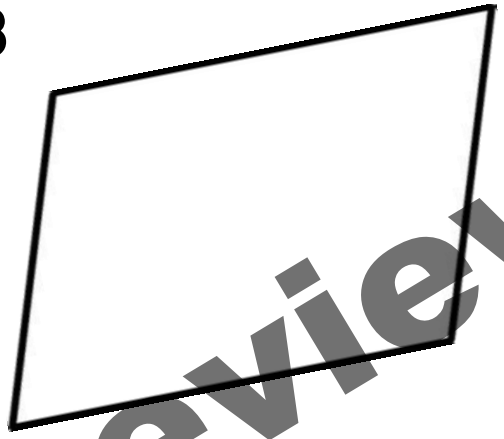

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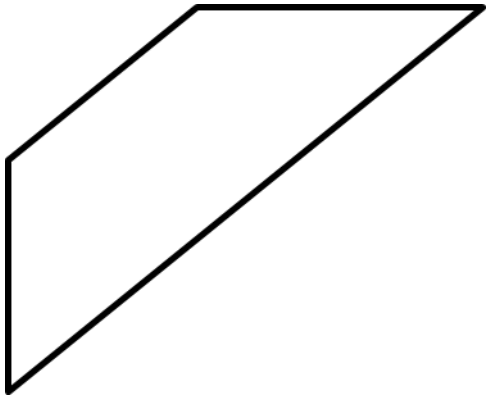

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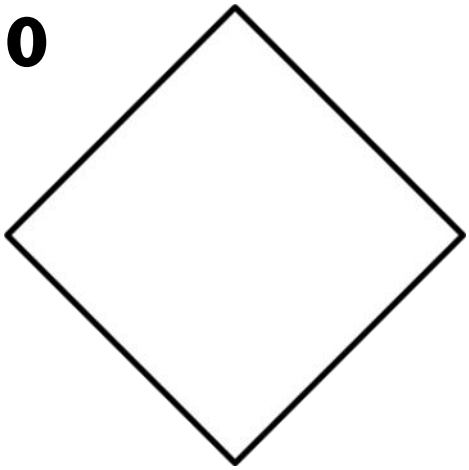

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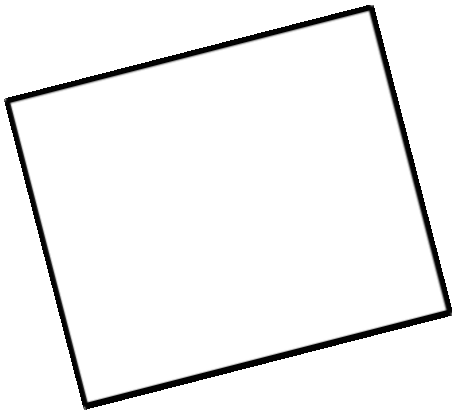

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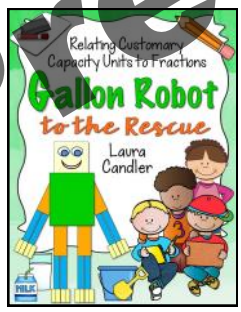

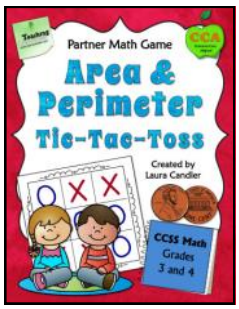

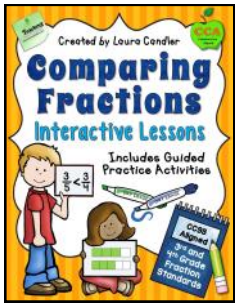

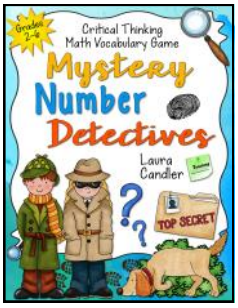

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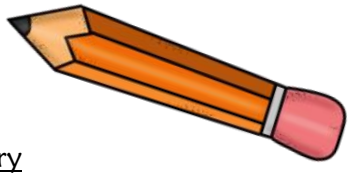

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