



MAKING GROUP SHAPES

Number of players: 4+

Space: Any

Materials needed: None

Procedure:

1. Ask students to walk around the space at a comfortable pace and filling in openings between people in the space. They are not to talk or touch anyone else.
2. Begin by telling them to listen carefully. You will call out shapes and without talking; the group must make the shapes with their bodies as quickly as possible. For example, if you call out three triangles, the group must quickly form three triangles in the space without leaving anyone out. Shapes to try: circles, squares, rectangles, trapezoids, right angles.
3. Typically, students will make the shapes while standing up. Repeat the above, but this time tell the students that the shapes must be made on the floor, and they cannot use their arms or hands. How will they make a circle with their legs? Or with their whole bodies?
4. Next, ask students to partner up, and in groups of two or three, have students play with all the different ways to make circles, triangles, squares with their bodies. Ask them to play with different dimensions! How can we make one-, two-, and three-dimensional shapes with our bodies?