

ACTIVITY TIME

A is for Australia

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Exploring shapes through playing games is a fun and engaging way to include maths into every day play. Puzzles are a fun and interactive way for children to match shapes. What other shapes can you find around your home or in your community?

Map of Australia – puzzle

You will need:

- Map of Australia templates
- Crayons or pencils
- Cardboard (e.g. cereal box) optional
- Scissors
- Glue.

What to do:

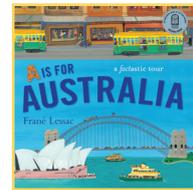
1. Colour and decorate the templates – glue to cardboard for stronger backing
2. Cut out the puzzle pieces (shapes)
3. Talk with your child about the shapes and sizes as you match the shapes to make the Australia map whole again.

Songs to sing

G'day song or *Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree* on baby karaoke here: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/baby-karaoke> or *I Am Australian* here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RY_tl-N93AY

Key message

Children are born ready to use and learn mathematics.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



***You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

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