



Title and Author: City Shapes

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Genre/Text Type: Fiction

Theme/Idea:

- Shapes can be found everywhere

Vocabulary – Related Words for Discussion:

- Skyscraper: a very tall building of many stories.
- Flight: the action or process of flying through the air.
- Seaport: a town or city with a harbor for seagoing ships.
- Manhole: an opening in a city street leading to a sewer.

### Before Reading:

Questions to build predicting skills

- How many shapes can you name?
- What shapes do you see in this room?
- The title of the book is City Shapes, what shapes do you think will be found in the book?

### Go Back to the Story:

Questions to lead into a classroom discussion about story

- Page 8 – who is finding the shapes? How do you know? *Answer: The girl who is holding up the scarves*
- Page 14 – where are the triangles? What are they? *Answer: all over the page; flags*
- Page 16 – How many of you have ever seen a manhole? *Answers will vary* What shape is represented on this page? *Circle* How many do you see? *Manhole, wheels on cars, trash can opening, bubbles, circle with T in it on Taxi*
- Page 27 – Where is the pigeon going? *Answers may vary; home; nest* How do you know? *Answers may vary*

### Making Connections

Story to Real World

- Take a Hike around the School – Have students notices things they hadn't spotted before. Look for hidden shapes.
- Suggest the students look for shapes as they go home and share the next day at the morning meeting