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Pre-Writing Shapes

The 9 shapes children learn before letters, in order, with the average age.

1

Vertical line

2 years

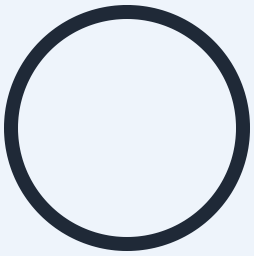
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Horizontal line

2½ years

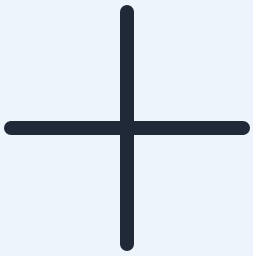
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Circle

3 years

4



Cross (+)

3½ to 4 years

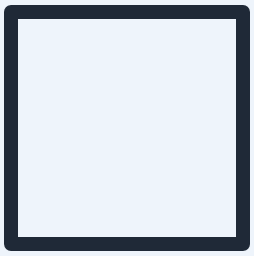
5



Diagonal (\ )

4 years 4 months

6



Square

4 years 6 months

7



Diagonal (/)

4 years 7 months

8



X

4 years 11 months

9



Triangle

5 years 3 months

Ages from GriffinOT (Kim Griffin, children's occupational therapist): the age by which half of children can draw each shape.

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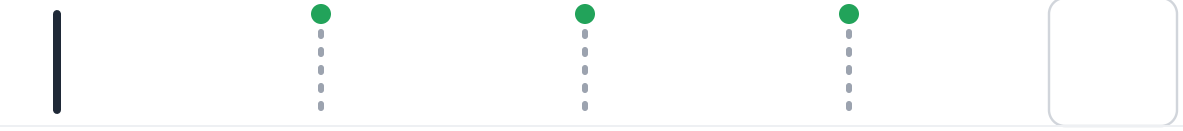
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Trace the Shapes

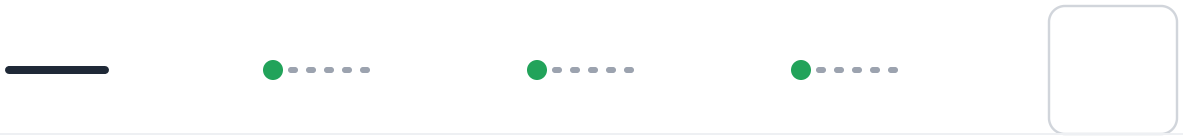
Start at the green dot. Trace each shape, then try one on your own.

Name: _____

1. VERTICAL LINE



2. HORIZONTAL LINE



3. CIRCLE



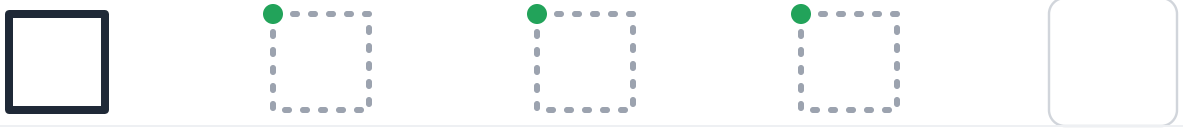
4. CROSS (+)



5. DIAGONAL (\ )



6. SQUARE



7. DIAGONAL (/)



8. X



9. TRIANGLE



Next step: letters. Free A to Z tracing sheets at tinywritersco.com/printables/handwriting-practice-sheets

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