

Changes, Changes by Pat Hutchins

AGE LEVEL 3–6 years

About the Story

Changes, Changes is a whimsical, wordless story about a man and woman who build a house out of blocks. When the house catches on fire, they build a fire truck. The couple continues to rearrange the blocks and build new structures until they make a new home.



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Words to Learn

NAMES AND PROPERTIES OF SHAPES

cylinder, rectangle, triangle, curved, straight

LOCATION WORDS

over, under, beneath, below, above, beside, between, left, right

About the Math

By examining the shapes and their spatial arrangement, your child can learn:

- To identify and name shapes like cylinder, triangle, and rectangle.
- To describe some properties of shapes, like the four sides of a rectangle, or the roundness of a cylinder.
- To use relational words to describe where the shapes are located, such as under, over, left, or right.
- To notice symmetry in the pictures.



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Math Talk During Reading

EXPLORE THE SHAPES

What do you notice about this shape? Do you know what this shape is called? What does this part look like?

TALK ABOUT HOW THE SHAPES ARE DIFFERENT AND THE SAME

Point to two different shapes and say: Look at this one and that one. How are they the same and how are they different? How do you know?

EXAMINE WHERE THE OBJECTS ARE LOCATED IN THE ILLUSTRATIONS

What do you see below this shape? Where is the man located?

FIND EXAMPLES OF SYMMETRY

Do you see that this half of the house looks the same as that half? We can say the two halves are symmetrical.

Try to come up with some of your own questions and comments, too!

Activity After Reading

ASK YOUR CHILD TO MAKE STRUCTURES

Let's use these blocks to make a beautiful house.