Word Shapes

Grade 3

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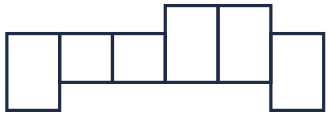
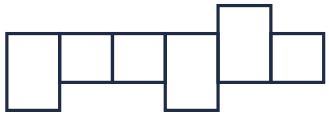
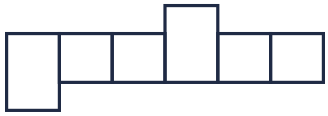
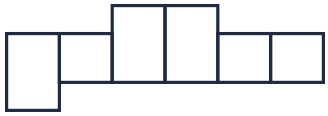
Remember: Every word has a **shape**. **Tall** letters (b, d, f, h, k, l, t) go in tall boxes. Letters that **hang down** (g, j, p, q, y) go in low boxes. All other letters fit in small boxes.

Start with the long words, then count the boxes and look for tall and hanging letters.

1. Fit the words

Write each word from the word bank in the boxes that match its shape.

Word bank: candle · friend · garden · happy · jumping · little · people · pretty · school · yellow

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
6. 
7. 
8. 
9. 
10. 

2. Tall, short or hanging?

Circle the type of letter.

1. h (a) tall (b) short (c) hanging

2. p (a) tall (b) hanging (c) short

3. m (a) short (b) tall (c) hanging

4. y (a) short (b) tall (c) hanging

5. k (a) hanging (b) tall (c) short

6. e (a) tall (b) short (c) hanging

7. g (a) hanging (b) short (c) tall

8. d (a) short (b) hanging (c) tall

Answer Key

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1. Fit the words

1. friend
2. school
3. pretty
4. people
5. jumping
6. happy
7. candle
8. garden
9. little
10. yellow

2. Tall, short or hanging?

1. h	**(a) tall**	(b) short	(c) hanging
2. p	(a) tall	**(b) hanging**	(c) short
3. m	**(a) short**	(b) tall	(c) hanging
4. y	(a) short	(b) tall	**(c) hanging**
5. k	(a) hanging	**(b) tall**	(c) short
6. e	(a) tall	**(b) short**	(c) hanging
7. g	**(a) hanging**	(b) short	(c) tall
8. d	(a) short	(b) hanging	**(c) tall**