

Learning Outcome

DLM Essential Element	Grade-Level Standard
M.EE.8.G.4 Identify similar shapes with and without rotation.	M.8.G.4 Understand that a two-dimensional figure is similar to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, translations, and dilations; given two similar two-dimensional figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the similarity between them.

Linkage Level Descriptions

Initial Precursor	Distal Precursor	Proximal Precursor	Target	Successor
Recognize "same" as	Match two 2-	Recognize two-	Communicate	Describe a sequence of
the object that shares	dimensional or 3-	dimensional and three-	understanding that two	transformations (e.g.,
all of the same	dimensional shapes	dimensional shapes that	shapes are similar if the	dilations, rotations,
attributes as other	(e.g., squares,	are similar. Recognize	second can be obtained	reflections, translations)
objects in a group.	rectangles, circles,	rotation as the	from the first by a	that would result in the
Recognize "different" as	spheres, rectangular	transformation in which	sequence of dilations,	final shape or figure
the object that shares	prisms, cubes,	a shape or figure is	rotations, reflections, or	being similar to the
some or none of the	pyramids) that are	turned.	translations.	original shape or figure.
attributes as other	different sizes and have			
objects in a group.	the same orientation.			

Initial Precursor and Distal Precursor Linkage Level Relationships to the Target

How is the Initial Precursor related to the Target? Being able to recognize congruent figures requires a student to recognize when basic objects and shapes are the same or different. Work on this understanding by providing students with a shape and naming it (e.g., "this is a square"). Then, provide multiple examples of the same shape so students can make comparisons, focusing student attention on the characteristics that make this a particular shape (e.g., a square has 4 sides that are the same size). As students explore shapes, label them and describe them as same or different.

NOTE: When presenting the same shape for comparison, do use shapes with different colors, textures, sizes, and orientation so that students understand the attribute that makes it that shape (e.g., 4 sides that are the same size).



How is the Distal Precursor related to the Target? As students develop an understanding of same and different shapes, provide opportunities for students to match or group the same two- and three-dimensional shapes based on the shape size (e.g., "this is a big square," "this is a little square"). As students progress with identifying the size of two- and threedimensional shapes, the educator can begin to introduce different orientations of the shape.

NOTE: As new attributes (e.g., size and orientation) are introduced, be sure to support the student in remembering that the attribute doesn't change the name of the shape.

Instructional Resources

Released Testlets

See the <u>Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets</u>.

Using Untested (UN) Nodes

See the document <u>Using Mini-Maps to Plan Instruction</u>.



