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## 6 Square Challenge

For ActivInspire, PowerPoint, interactive Excel file and these Teacher Notes go to:


The yellow dots can only move along their own sides of the outside square and only stop at the grid points including the corners.

What shapes can be made by the blue lines?

## Six Square Challenge

## Files available

- ActivInspire flipchart with all needed for lesson
- PowerPoint for lesson
- Interactive Excel Pupil File
- Interactive Excel Teacher File with Answers
- Teacher Notes including 2 Pupil Worksheets (this file)
- 3 gif files included with flipchart and PowerPoint


## Overview

1. This activity can be left open or you can provide more guidance (list of quadrilaterals and/or triangles is available).
2. Excel file allows pupils to experiment as they move the yellow dots to create quadrilaterals, triangles and a straight line. Answers can be shown on worksheet (contains blank gids).
3. Alternatively can be done just on paper. Excel file can be used by teacher to demonstrate an example.
4. Answers provided both on paper (in this file, flipchart and PowerPoint) and in format of gifs.
5. Areas can be calculated (easiest way is to subtract triangles outside the quadrilateral or triangle from 36).

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## Answers

Quadrilaterals
Arrowhead cannot be made. Rhombus is only made when a square is also made.


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## Triangles

Equilateral triangle can only be made with non-integers, when points are Left and Bottom $=(0,0)$, Top $=(1.6077,0)$ and Right $=(6,1.6077)$. Right-angled triangle is only made when it is also isosceles.


| Area of triangle $=$ | 17.5 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Isosceles Triangle |  |



| Area of triangle $=$ | 18 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Right-angled Triangle |  |




| Area of triangle $=$ | NA |
| :---: | :---: |
| Straight Line |  |

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Worksheet: Blank 6 Squares


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Worksheet: Blank 6 Squares: Shapes named

| Arrowhead | Rectangle | Acute Angled Triangle | Right-angled Isosceles Triangle |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| General Quadrilateral | Rhombus | Equilateral Triangle | Right-angled Triangle |
| Isosceles Trapezium | Square |  |  |
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| Parallelogram |  |  |  |



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