

# **ACTIVITY TIME**

# A is for Australia

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Exploring shapes through playing games is a fun and engaging way to include maths into every day play. Puzzles are a fun and interactive way for children to match shapes. What other shapes can you find around your home or in your community?

# Map of Australia - Puzzle

## You will need:

- Map of Australia templates
- Crayons or pencils
- · Cardboard (e.g. cereal box) optional
- Scissors
- Glue.

#### What to do:

- 1. Colour and decorate the templates glue to cardboard for stronger backing
- 2. Cut out the puzzle pieces (shapes)
- 3. Talk with your child about the shapes and sizes as you match the shapes to make the Australia map whole again.

### Songs to sing

*G'day song or Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree on baby karaoke* here: <u>raisingchildren.net.au/guides/baby-karaoke</u> or I Am Australian here: <u>youtube.com/watch?v=RY\_tl-N93AY</u>

#### Key message

Children are born ready to use and learn mathematics.

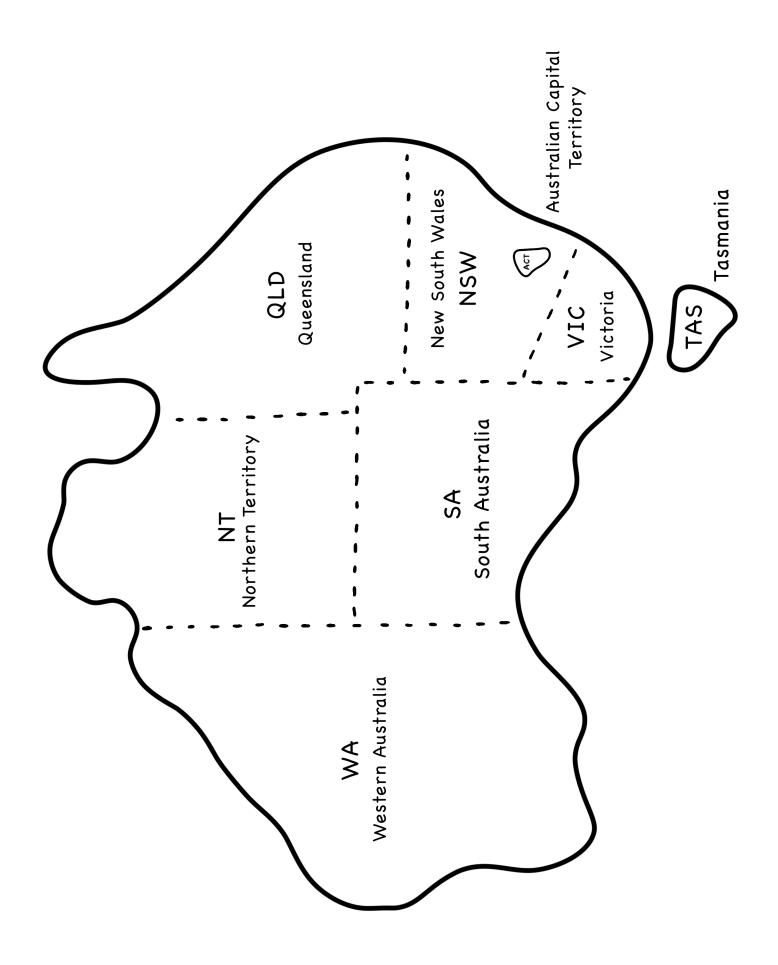




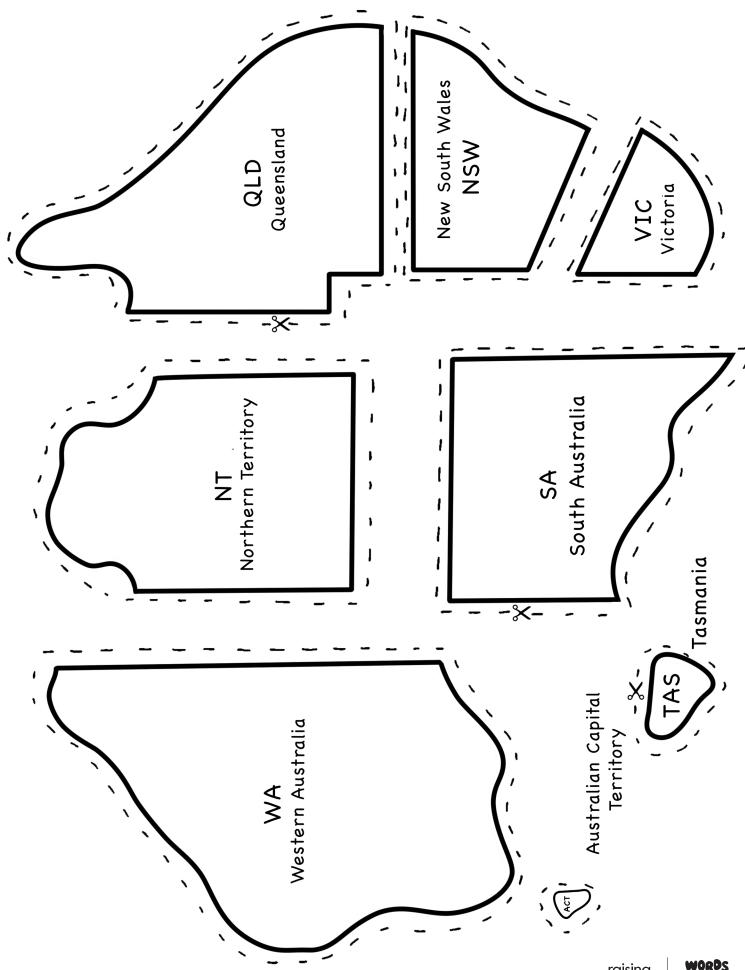
Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



\*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through everyday play.







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