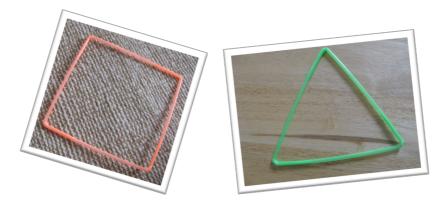




Once you start looking you'll spot triangles everywhere. Partly, that's because they are so strong. Unlike a square, a triangle is not easy to squash, so they hold up bridges, roofs, and towers.



Try making a square out of drinking straws. Hold two opposite corners and push them together. They'll squash right down.

Now try with a triangle. You'll find you can't flatten it in the same way. This is called 'rigidity' and it's why triangles are often used in constructing buildings, bridges, and other structures that need to be strong.