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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

The Liberia Ministry of Education has developed 50 context-relevant and age-appropriate early childhood education readers. These readers would be addressing the chronic need of improving the quality of teaching and learning materials and the widespread lack of curriculum materials for foundational literacy and play-based learning. Twenty-five of these ECD readers were written by ECE master trainers and, 25 were contextualized using online open-source stories from the global digital libraries.

Welcome to this audio edition of early childhood books aligned to the Liberia Early Childhood Education Curriculum. There are 50 eBooks in this edition. The uniqueness of this Ministry of Education approach is that each book has a sign language version.

The books come in three categories or levels:

- Beginner or nursery is for children ages 3 to 4
- Intermediate or K-I is for children ages 4 to 5 and
- Advance or K-II is for children ages 5 to 6

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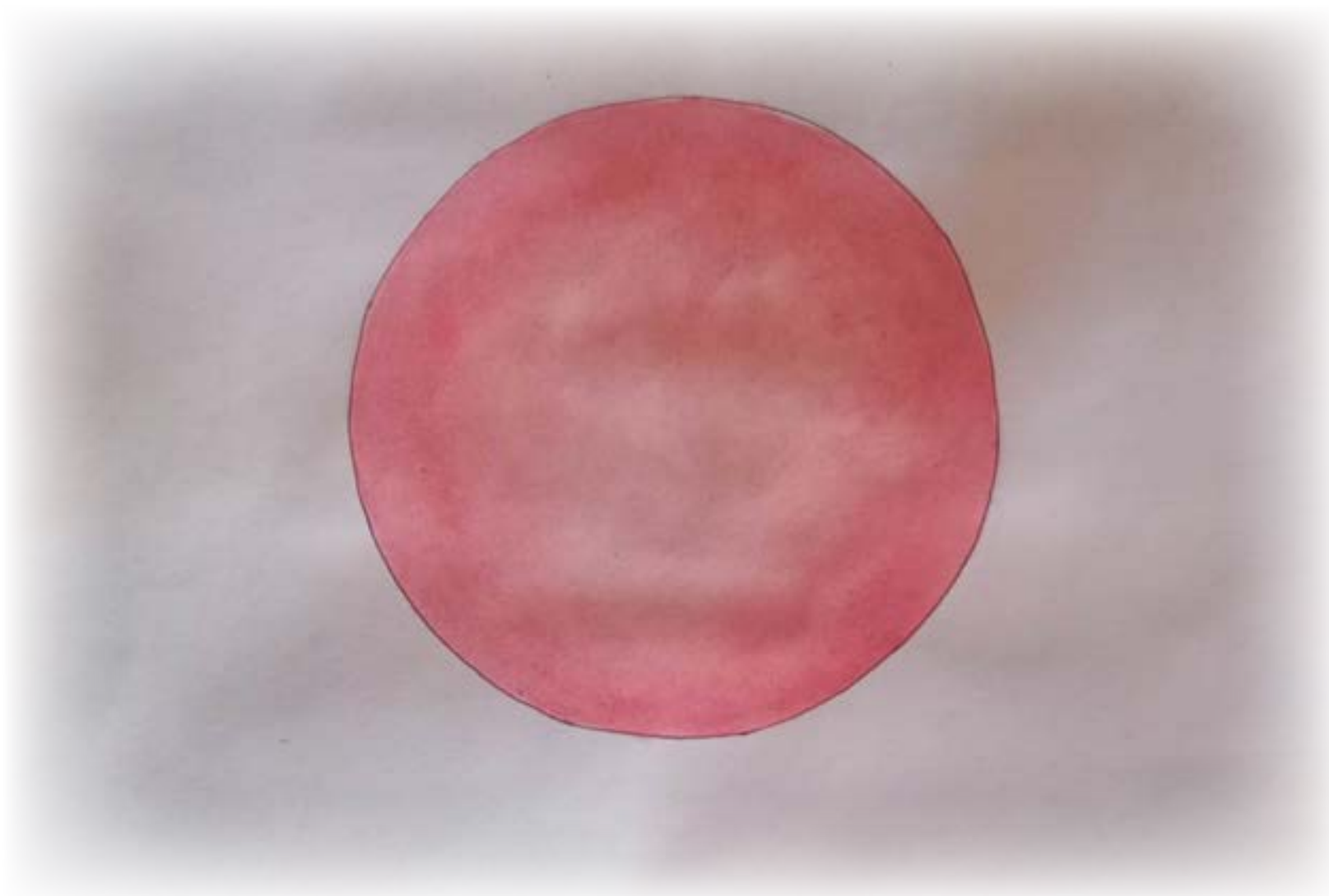
"Let's take a walk in our neighborhood," Mommy told her daughters Imman and Odell." Tell me what you see as we walk". "Okay mom!" said the girls.



"Wow!" Imman shouted, "look at the truck with those huge and round tires."
"Those huge and round tires of the truck are circle," said their mom.



"What is a circle mommy?" Odell asked. "A circle is a round-shaped figure that has no corners or edges."



"That means, the wheel on the car is a circle also?" Imman asked. "Yes," their mommy answered. "Circles are everywhere," Odell said. "Some Pizzas, footballs, buttons, rings, and doughnuts are all circle-like shape."



While Odell was still talking, Imman shouted again, wow! "See the roof of this house, it looks like a triangle." "Yes, this roof looks like a triangle," Odell said.



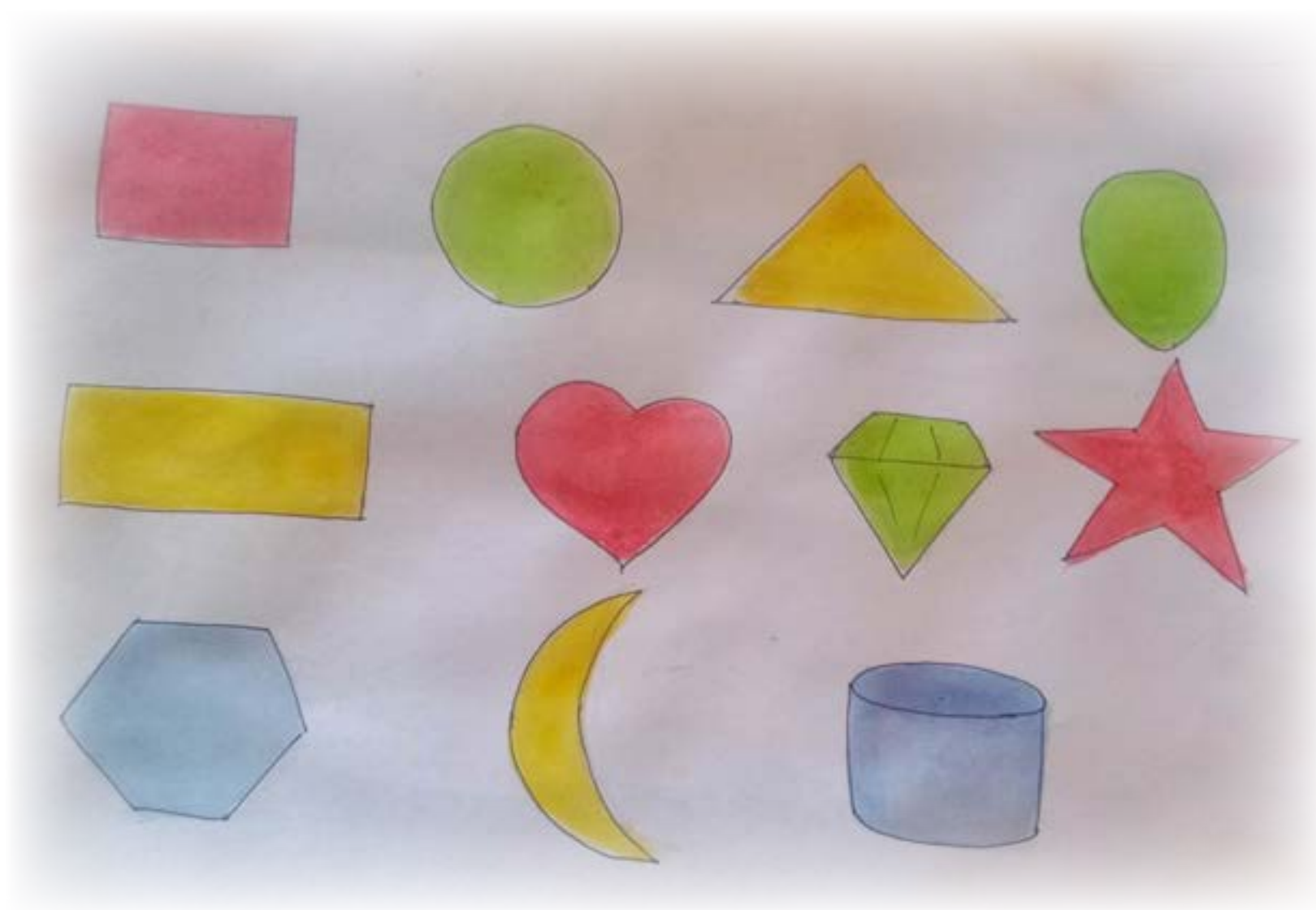
It looks like you girls know about different shapes.
Oh yes mommy, we learned about different shapes at school.



"Can you tell me about some of the shapes you learned about?"

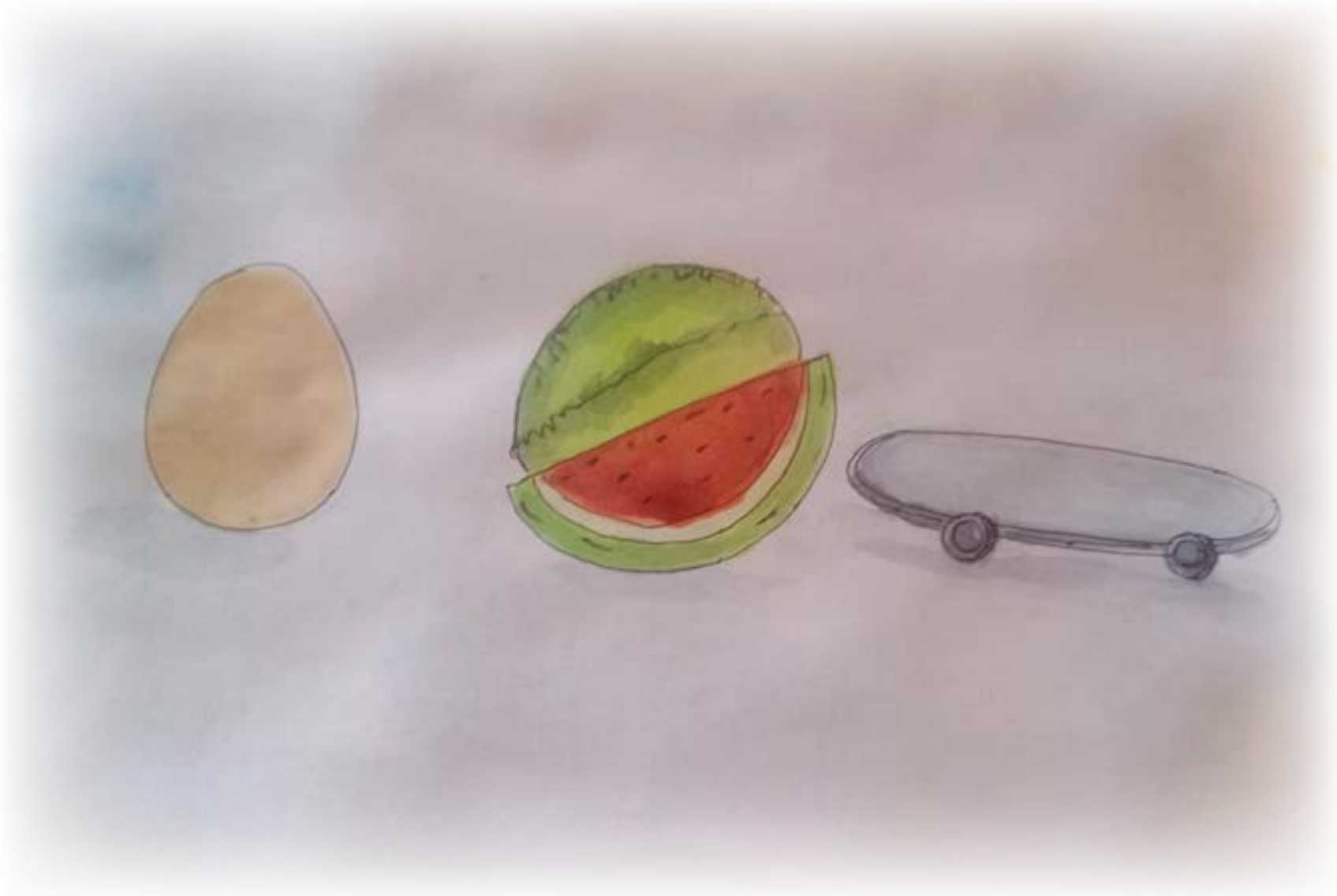


"Yes, yes," Imman and Odell shouted." We learned about square, rectangle, oval, arrow, triangle, Circle, star, hexagon, crescent and cylinder."



"Our teacher said that shapes are everywhere. She also showed us objects that have different shapes," the girls said together. "Can you name some of the objects with different shapes?" their mother asked. "Yes, I will go first," Imman said.

An egg has an oval shape. A watermelon has an oval shape. A skateboard has an oval shape.



"Odell, you can go now," Imman said. *A banana has a crescent shape. The half moon has a crescent shape. A shrimp has a crescent shape.*



"Great job Imman and Odell." Shapes are everywhere. Our food, clothes, houses, streetlights, tables, chairs have the different shapes we learned about in school.



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Synopsis

Learn about the many shapes that can be found all around us.

