

Where can I see Hexagons?

Robby had to find 6-sided shapes.
His teacher gave him an assignment in math class.
He had to find hexagons in everyday life.
Squares, triangles, circles... those seemed easy.
Where would he ever find a hexagon?

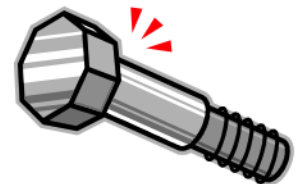


He despaired, and tried looking everywhere.
There weren't any in the hallways or in the classrooms.
No one seemed to use hexagons for anything.
Who wanted a shape with so many sides, anyway?
Then, in the bathroom, he noticed a pipe connecting the sink to the wall.
The pipe fitting was a hexagon!

That got him to thinking about tools and building materials.
He went to shop class and looked around.
All the wrenches and bolts were hexagons!
Each wrench fit a different sized hexagon, which were bolts and nuts.



You couldn't build much of anything without bolts, nuts, and wrenches.
So, hexagons really weren't that hard to find.
They just weren't as obvious as circles, triangles, and squares.
They were actually really handy!



Bees and wasps used them in nature to build hives.
Even insects knew how useful they were.
Some flowers were also hexagonal.
Nature approved of the hexagon...

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 - A. True
 - B. False

3. Where does Robby finally find his first hexagon?
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