Face shape is the single most important consideration in getting a flattering hairstyle for yourself!
Round face characteristics:

- As wide as it is long
- Full looking face with round chin and hairline
- Widest point is at cheek and ears

Goals:

- Slim Face
- Create Oval Shape

Solutions:

- Add softness and roundness at temples with styles that are not blunt cut or angular
- Short styles that sweep away from face
- Slim a round face by adding layers to a mid-length or shag style.
- Styles will fullness and height at top
- Avoid chin-length hair with rounded line and center parts
Famous Round Faces

[Images of famous round-faced individuals]
**Oval face characteristics:**

- Perfect, well balanced face shape
- Length is 1½ times the width
- Slightly narrower at jaw than temples
- Gently rounded hairline

**Goals:**

- Works well with all hairstyles

**Solutions:**

- You have the perfect face shape for new hairstyles
- You can wear long hairstyles according to your face shape, but take into consideration your body shape if you are thinking about a long style.
- Avoid heavy bangs
- Don’t hide your face shape by wearing your hairstyle on your face
Heart face characteristics:
- Narrow jaw line
- Wide at cheeks/forehead
- Face is wide at temples and hairline, narrowing to a small, delicate chin

Goals:
- Balance cheek and chin area
- Add fullness to chin area

Solutions:
- Chin-length or longer (bobs are great)
- Avoid too much height/weight on the top
- Side parted hairstyles
Famous Heart Faces
Triangular face characteristics:

- Strong, dominant jaw line
- Narrows at cheekbones and temples
- Reverse of heart face shape

Goals:

- Balance jaw line with forehead
- Add volume at the top

Solutions:

- Short, lifting styles that add volume to the top to balance the triangular jaw and properly frame the face
- Styles that are full at the temples and taper at the jaw
- Avoid center parts
- Very long hair is usually not a good idea
Famous Triangle Faces
Diamond face characteristics:

- Widest at cheekbones
- Narrow forehead and jaw line or approximately equal widths

Goals:

- Add fullness at temples and chin
- Keep hair close at the cheekbones

Solutions:

- Most styles look great on you
- Mid-length styles that frame the face
- Parting to the side reinforces a perfect oval shape
- Avoid center parts
- Don’t hide your features by wearing too much hair on your face
Famous Diamond Faces
Rectangle face characteristics:

- Longer than wide
- Long and slender with same width forehead and just below cheekbones
- May have very high forehead or very narrow chin

Goals:

- Soften angles at the cheekbones with fullness
- Use rounded edges at temples and jaw line

Solutions:

- A short shag is good for this face shape
- Avoid short, face-lifting hairstyles
- Too much hair length will make your face look even longer
- Layers and side parts work well
- Short or medium (above shoulders) work best
Famous Rectangle Faces
Square face characteristics:

- About as long as wide
- Strong, square jaw line, with usually equally square hairline

Goals:

- Minimize angles and broadness at the jaw line
- Minimize angles at the temples

Solutions:

- Add softness and roundness at temples with styles that are not blunt cut or angular
- Fluffy, wavy, curly styles distract the eye from excessive square shapes
- Wispy bangs or layers around face soften square lines.
- Avoid long, straight styles that emphasize square jawbone
- Avoid straight bangs or center parts
Famous Square Faces
Now it's your turn!

- Take a few minutes to figure out what your face shape is.
- Use the mirrors and tape measures to help you identify your face shape.
- Feel free to discuss your face shape with other students in this activity.