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## Explain the process:

## -My answer is... I worked it out by...

-I followed these steps...
-To solve this problem follow these steps...
-First... Then... Next... Finally...



The problem:

Working out (show): $\quad$ Steps (explain):

My answer:

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Only ones shaped like balls or have some round sides rolled down. The cylinder rolled on its side but not when it was on the flat side. The ones with flat sides did not roll.

Shapes with round or curved sides roll, shapes with flat sides don't roll.

