

Lesson 17 · Not every language uses our writing system

Languages

Shapes in five languages

Name _____

- 1 WRITE IT FIVE WAYS:** The English word is given. The other four are in task 2 below – copy each one carefully here, getting every accent right.

ENGLISH	IRISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH
Circle				
Square				
Triangle				

- 2 FIND WHAT THEY SHARE:** Look along each line. Do any two of the words look close to each other? Write which two and the letters they share. If none of them do, write “none” – that is a real answer here.

Circle (English) · **Ciorcal** (Irish) · **le cercle** (French) · **der Kreis** (German) · **el círculo** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Square (English) · **Cearnóg** (Irish) · **le carré** (French) · **das Quadrat** (German) · **el cuadrado** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Triangle (English) · **Triantán** (Irish) · **le triangle** (French) · **das Dreieck** (German) · **el triángulo** (Spanish)

Any two that look close: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

- 3 WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:** Tick the ones that feel true. Write one more of your own on the last line.

- ☐ Say that not every language writes with the letters on our keyboard
- ☐ Compare the same shape idea across several languages by ear and by eye
- ☐ Listen for languages that use familiar letters in new ways
- ☐ _____