

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

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