

Not Every Language Uses Our Writing System

Name _____

- 1 WRITE IT FIVE WAYS:** The English word is given. Write each word in the other four languages, copying carefully from the board.

ENGLISH	IRISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH
Circle				
Square				
Triangle				

- 2 FIND WHAT THEY SHARE:** Look along each line. Two of the words are closer to each other than the rest. Write which two, and the letters they have in common.

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

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

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

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

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

The two that look closest: _____ 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
- ☐ _____