

Not Every Language Uses Our Writing System

SAY IT ALOUD

Circle

English		Circle
Irish	keer-kul	Ciorcal
French	luh sairkl	le cercle
German	dair krice	der Kreis
Spanish	el theer-koo-loh	el círculo

Square

English		Square
Irish	kyar-nohg	Cearnóg
French	luh kah-ray	le carré
German	das kvah-draht	das Quadrat
Spanish	el kwah-drah-doh	el cuadrado

Triangle

English		Triangle
Irish	tree-an-tawn	Triantán
French	luh tree-ongl	le triangle
German	das dry-ek	das Dreieck
Spanish	el tree-an-goo-loh	el triángulo

COPYBOOK MOMENT · 3 MIN

Copy one word in a writing system you have never used, as carefully as you can, then write how it felt.

Read as written. Pause the board; every pupil writes. Not collected, not marked.

ANSWERS

1 · Write it five ways

- Circle — Irish Ciorcal · French le cercle · German der Kreis · Spanish el círculo
- Square — Irish Cearnóg · French le carré · German das Quadrat · Spanish el cuadrado
- Triangle — Irish Triantán · French le triangle · German das Dreieck · Spanish el triángulo

2 · Find what they share

- Open answer — **Accept any two forms the child can justify, with the shared letters written. Mark the reason, not the pair.**

3 · What you can do now

- Open answer — **Ticks are the child's own judgement, not a test. The written fourth line is the one to read.**