

Shapes in five languages

SAY IT ALOUD

Circle

Irish keer-kul Ciorcal

French luh sairkl le cercle

German dair krice der Kreis

Spanish el theer-koo-loh el círculo

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

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 the child can justify, with the shared letters. Mark the reason, not the pair. No close pair: “none” is right.

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.