



## Listen up!

**Are you a good listener? Are you able to follow clear instructions? Put your speaking and listening skills to the test in this fun activity.**

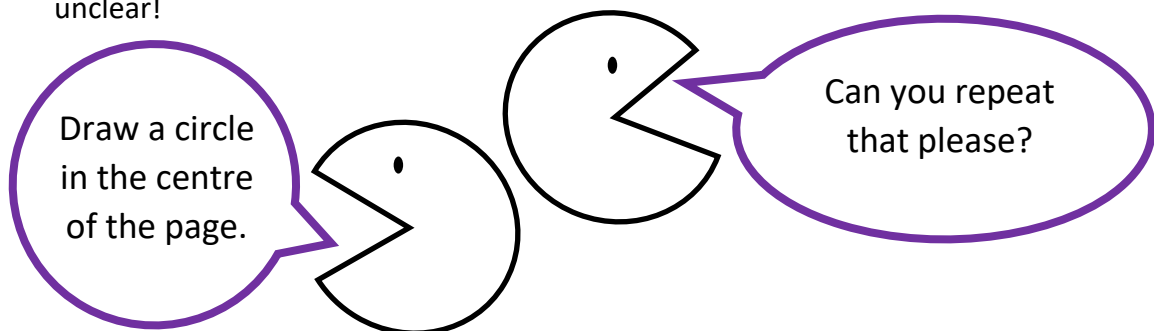
### What you will need:

- A partner
- A barrier between you and your partner (you can use a blindfold, a book or simply turn back to back)
- Paper
- Pen or pencil

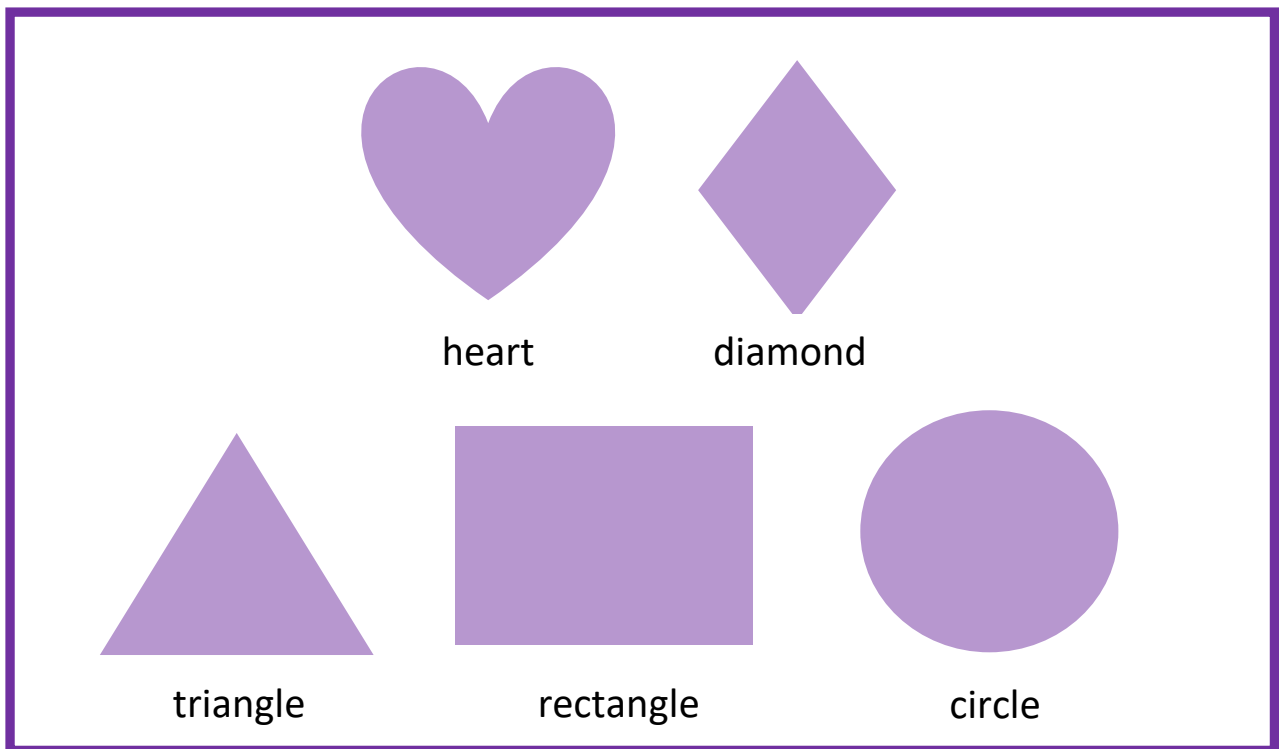
**The aim of the game is to create an exact copy of your partner's page without being able to see it. You have to rely on spoken words only!**

Follow these simple steps to have a go:

1. Decide who is **'the explainer'** and who is **'the listener'** (there can be more than one listener if you are playing in a group). Ensure that the listener and explainer cannot see each other's paper but can hear each other clearly.
2. The explainer should draw on their paper **only** the 5 shapes given below. You can choose to put them in any order on the page.
3. Your challenge is to get the listener to draw the 5 shapes in exactly the same place on their own page only by **following the instructions of the explainer**
4. The listener **can ask questions** to clarify and check what the explainer has said. Look on the next page for some examples of useful questions.
5. Finally, remove the barrier so that you can **compare the two pages and check your results**. Don't forget to reflect and share what went well as well as what was unclear!



# The shapes



## Useful language for 'the explainer'

- left
- right
- side
- corner
- centre
- top
- bottom
- above
- below
- next to
- level with

## Useful language for 'the listener'

- Can you repeat that please?
- Which is higher, the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_?
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ in the bottom left corner?
- Which shape is below the \_\_\_\_\_?
- I am not sure where the \_\_\_\_\_ should be. Can you explain that again?
- Is the \_\_\_\_\_ closer to the left or the right side of the page?

## How to simplify

- Use only 3 shapes
- Keep the piece of paper small

## How to make it more challenging

- Add colour to the shapes
- Include more than one of each shape