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Taming the Chaos: A Novice Teacher's Action Research Journey

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Source:

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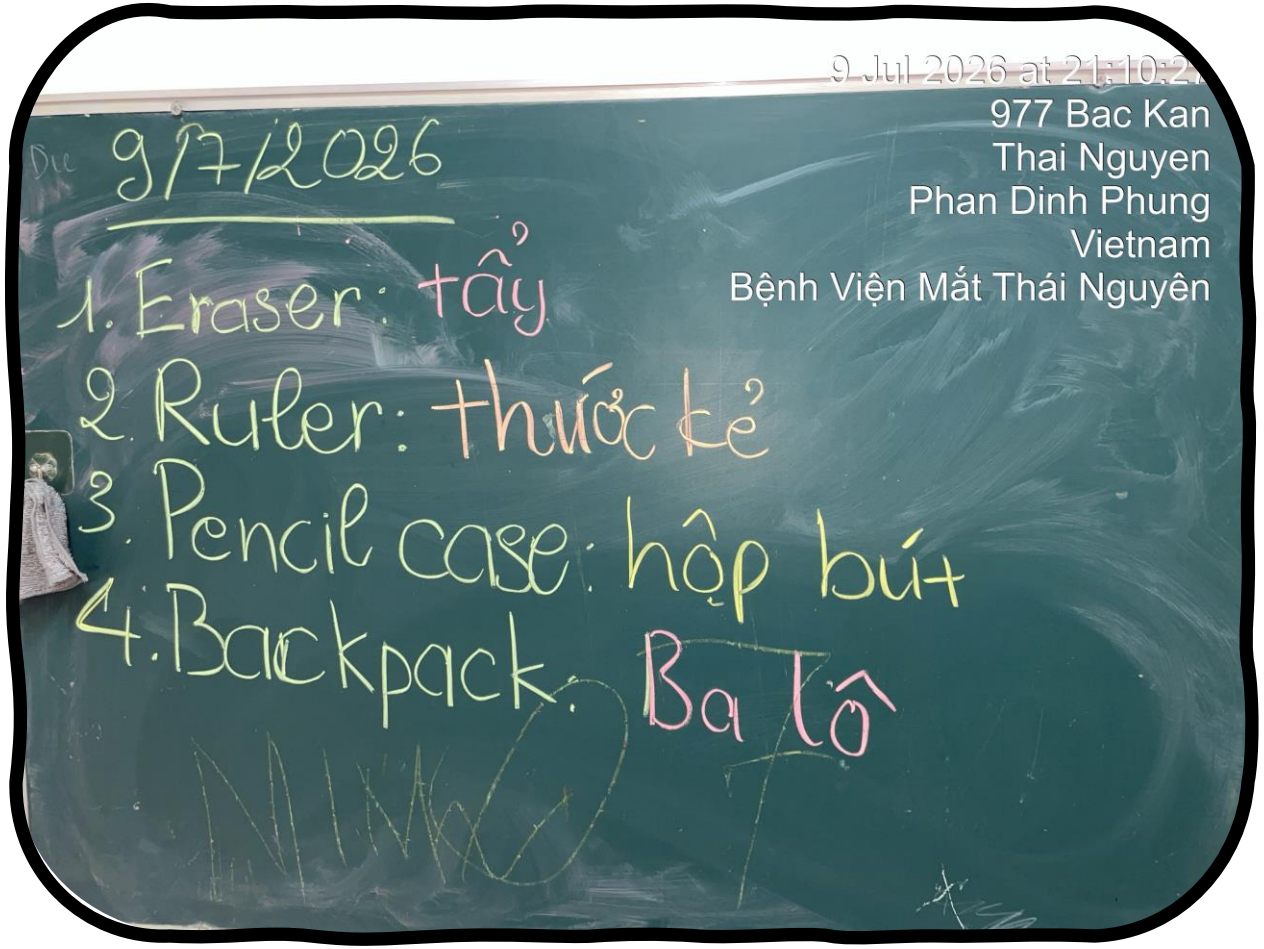
❌ ~~the students were noisy~~

✅ **It was chaotic when students had to sit and copy vocabulary for ten minutes.**



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It is chaotic when…

Complete the sentence with **one specific classroom situation**.

[Example**]** *It is chaotic when* ***students have to sit and copy vocabulary for ten minutes*****.**

YOUR TURN!!!!!!!!!

Instructions

- Do not include ~~names~~ or ~~school details~~.
- **Describe** what the students were doing.
- Mention the **task** or **activity**.
- Think of **one** recent lesson.
- ~~"Students are noisy."~~



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5 Activity Patterns

1. Running Dictation
2. Delayed Written Input
3. Listening Board Relay
4. Gallery Walk Reading
5. Language Relay

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For the next few minutes...

We're going to do something together

You are my students!

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Running dictation

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your *Name*



find the number

your 

-1pts shouting

-1pts scream

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And we have

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Unscramble and complete the sentence.





1

The shark isn’t as heavy as the whale .

whale	.	the	shark	as	heavy	is	the	not	as

Unscramble and complete the sentence.

2





The seal is as long as the eel .

long	is	the	seal	as	the	.	as	eel

Unscramble and complete the sentence.

3





The squid isn't as big as the dolphin.

dolphin	.	the	big	not	squid	as	the

Unscramble and complete the sentence.

4





The gorilla isn't as pretty as the butterfly .

the	butterfly	.	is	pretty	not	as	the	gorilla	as

Unscramble and complete the sentence.





5

The hippopotamu s isn’t as fast as the shark .

the	shark	hippopotamus	as	is	the	not	as	fast	.

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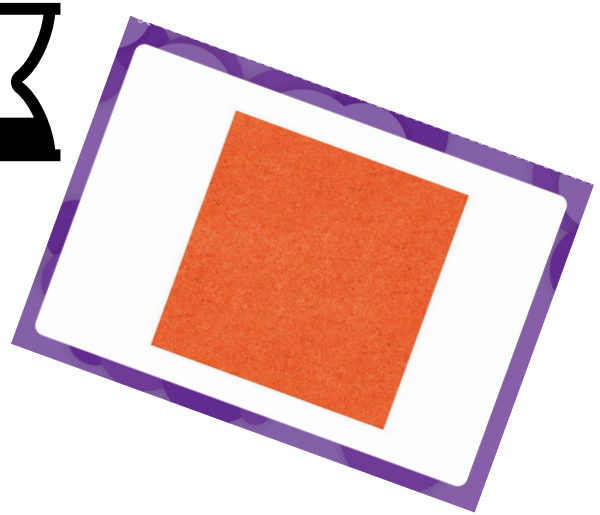
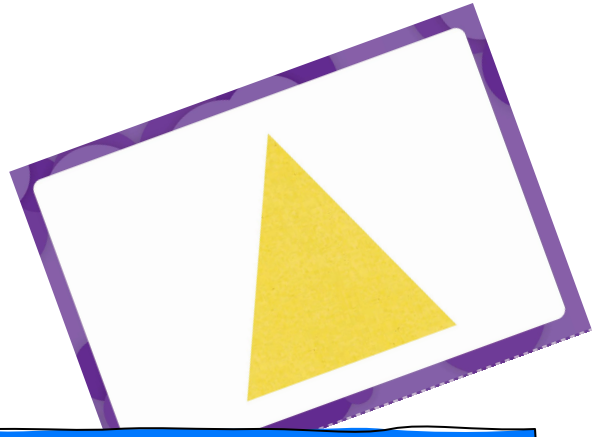
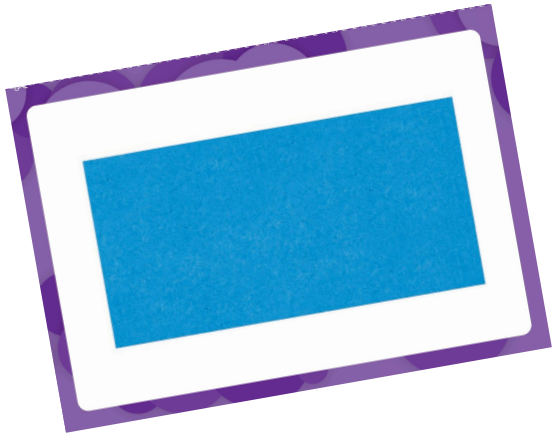
Delay Written Input











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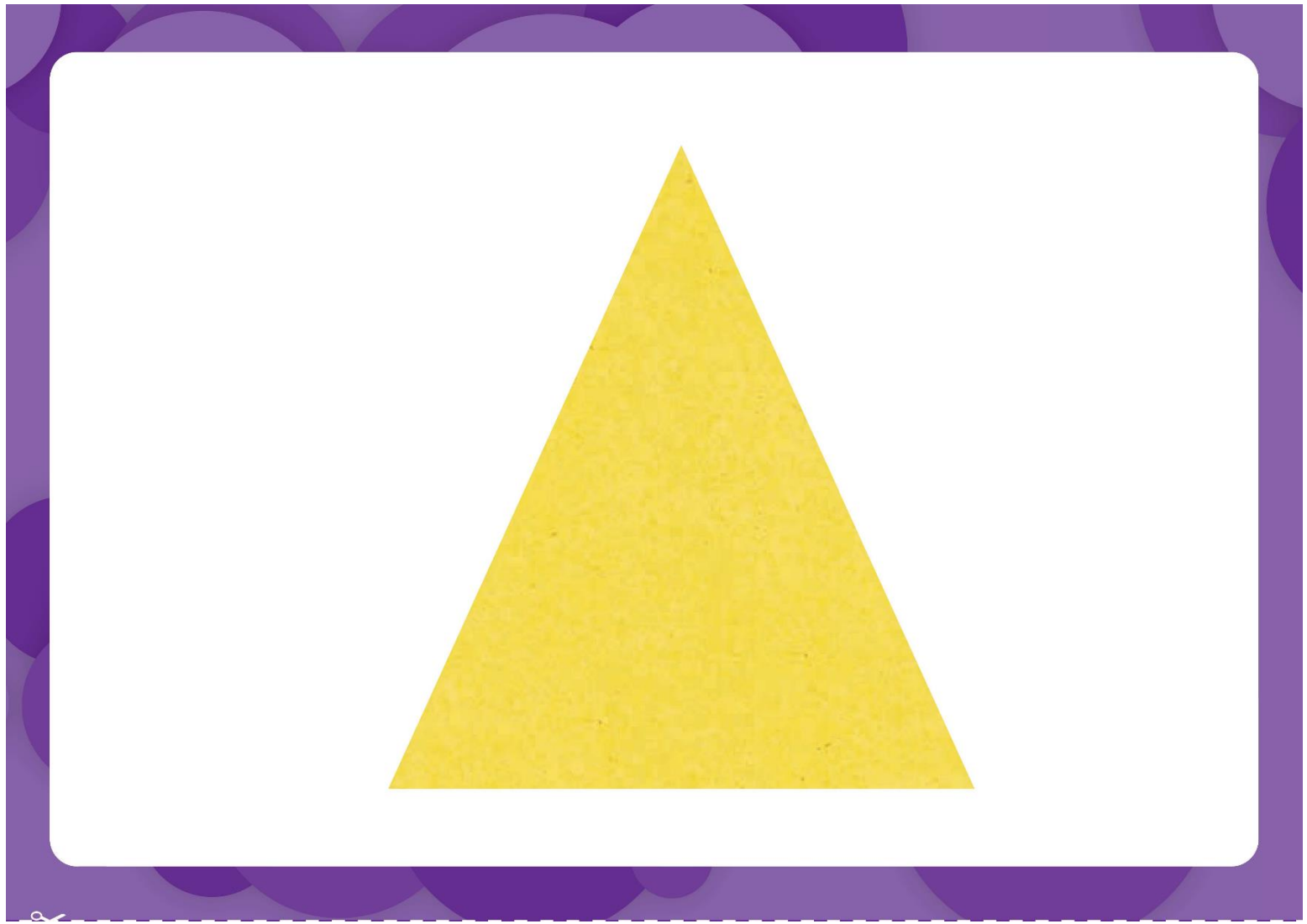

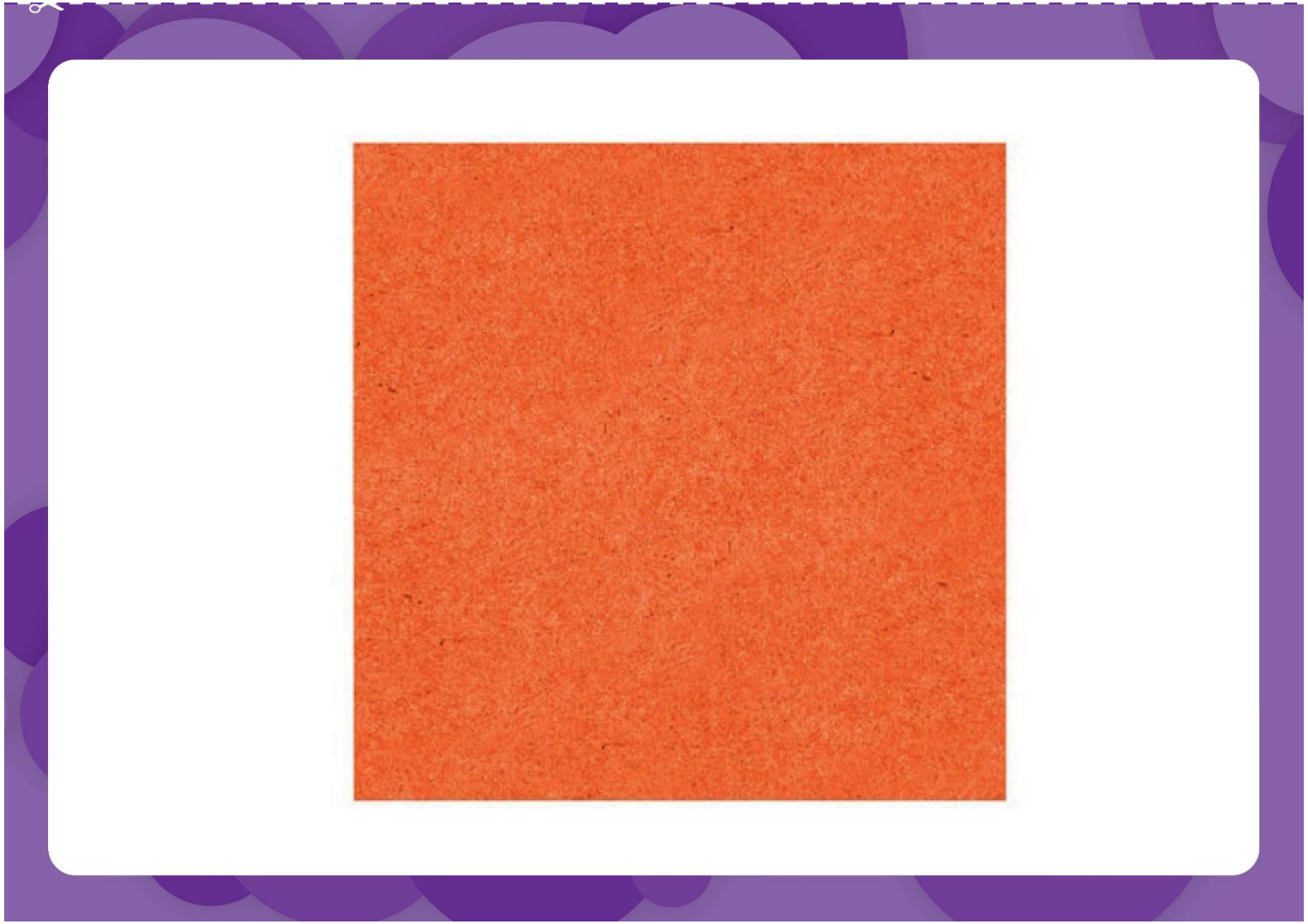



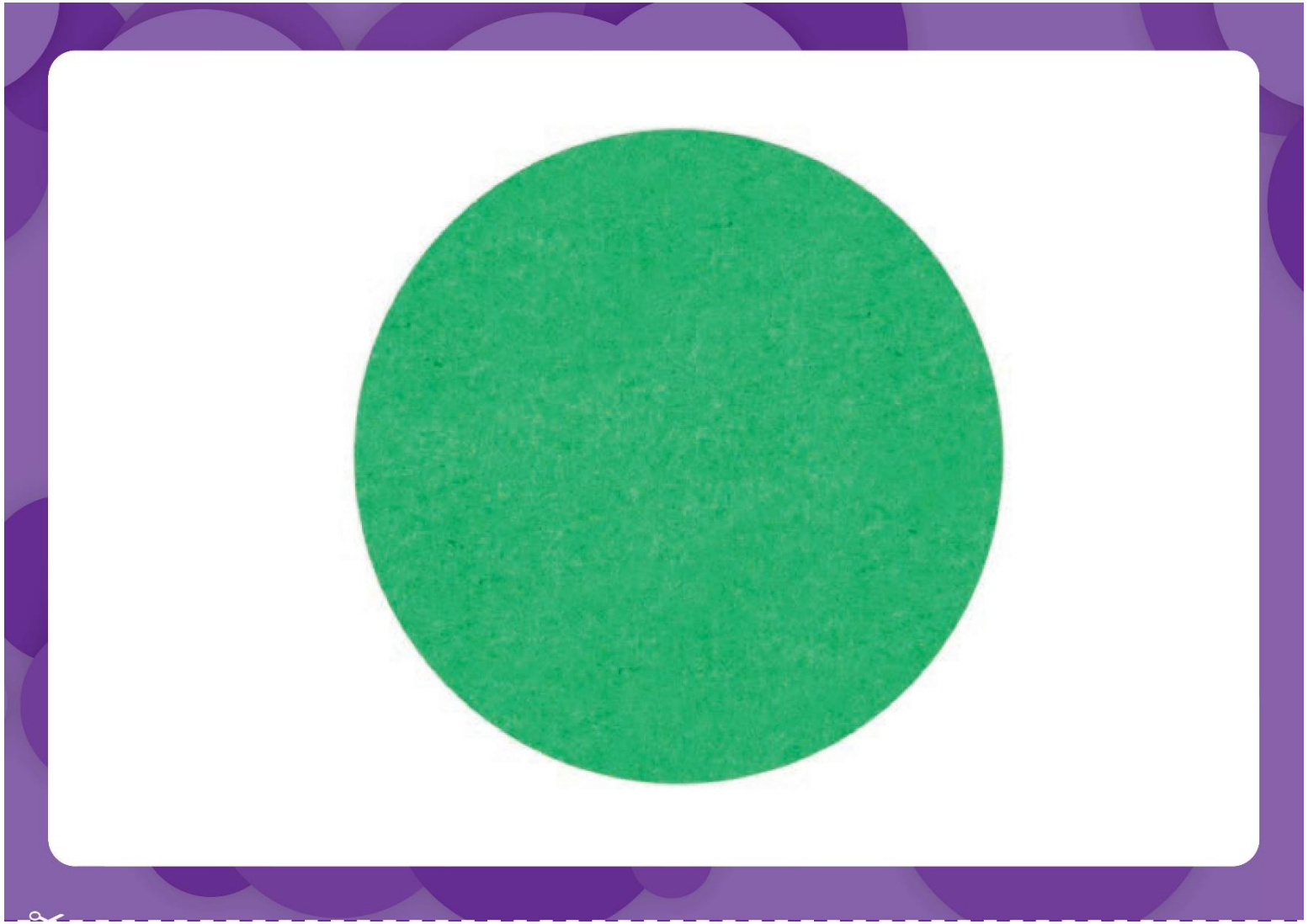

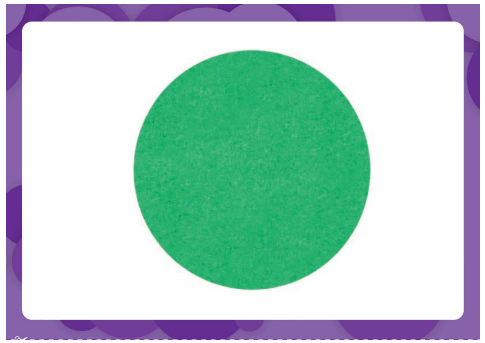



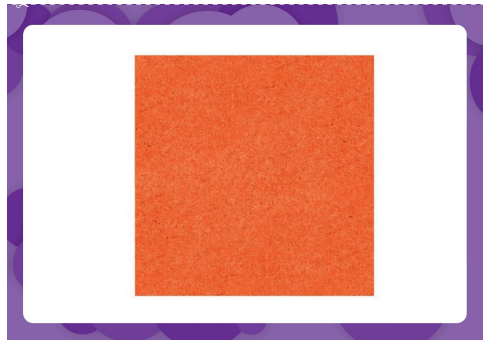

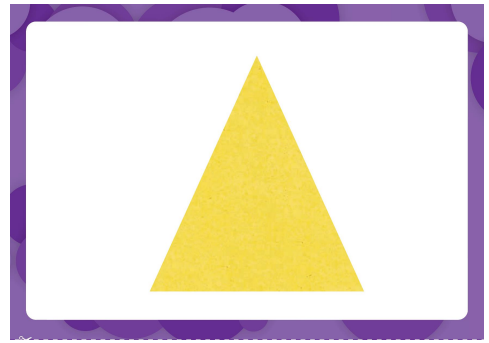

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Listening Board Challenge

INSTRUCTION

1. Work in pairs.
2. Keep both hands up.
3. Listen 3 times—no writing yet!
4. Wait for the bell.
5. Hands down—write your answer on the board!
6. When you finish, turn your board face down.

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Listen and fill in the gap.



The squid ___isn’t as___ long ___as the___ whale.

Listen and fill in the gap.



The _seal_ isn't _as long as_ the dolphin.

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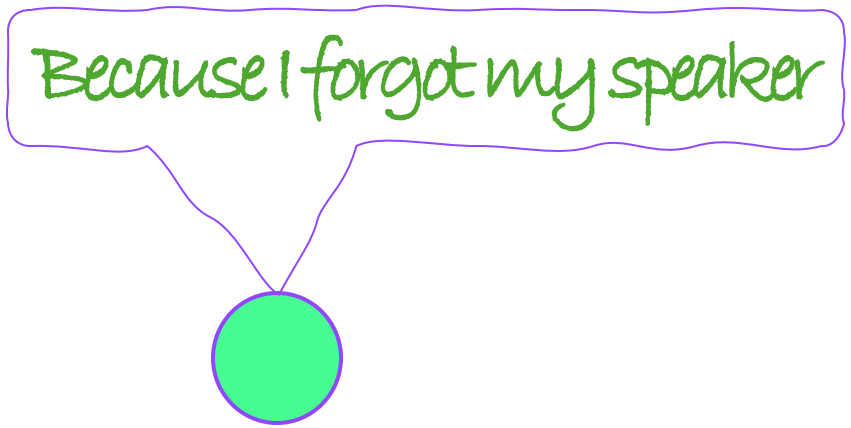
Listening Board Challenge

One person 🙋‍♀️ / 🙋‍♂️ of each pairs takes turn 🔁 to come to the lectern



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Listen and fill in the gap.



The shark _isn’t as_ **long as** _the dolphin_**.**

Listen and fill in the gap.



The eel _is as long as_ the seal.

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Gallery-walk reading



INSTRUCTION

- Work alone
- Find the text
- Read and circle

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Gallery-walk reading

Whale Fun Facts!



This is a blue whale. It's bigger than a shark or a dolphin. It's the biggest animal in the world! It's the heaviest animal in the world, too. It weighs about 130,000 kg. That's heavier than 20 elephants! The blue whale is about 30 meters long. That's as long as three school buses! It's an amazing animal!

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Gallery-walk reading



Read and circle.

1. A shark **is** / **isn't** as big as a blue whale.
2. The blue whale is the **shortest** / **heaviest** animal in the world.
3. The blue whale is heavier than 20 **elephants** / **dolphins**.
4. The blue whale is **as long as** / **longer** than three buses.

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Language Relay



Work in pairs

1. **Read** one statement.
2. **Go** to the reading text.
3. **Check your notebook** if you need help.
4. **Switch roles** after each question.
5. **Ring the bell** when you finish 1 QUESTION!

- **Only the runner may move.**
- **The reader must remain seated.**
- **Keep the question sheet at the table.**
- **Yelling or screaming: –1 point.**

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Language Relay

Animals and insects have many shapes and sizes. Some creatures are very small and some are very big. These creatures are big!

1



The Komodo dragon is a very big lizard. It's 3 meters long and weighs 150 kilograms.



2



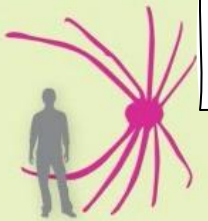
The Goliath beetle is the world's largest insect. It weighs 100 grams and is 10 centimeters long.



3



The spider crab is the world's largest crab. It weighs 19 kilograms. Its legs are about 2 meters long.



4



The giant Pacific octopus is the biggest octopus in the world. It weighs 50 kilograms and is 5 meters long.



D **Read and circle.**

1. The lizard weighs 100 grams.
2. The beetle is 10 centimeters long.
3. The crab isn't as long as the lizard.
4. The octopus weighs 50 kilograms.

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Language Relay

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Unit 2

D Read and circle.

1. The lizard weighs 100 grams. True False
2. The beetle is 10 centimeters long. True False
3. The crab isn't as long as the lizard. True False
4. The octopus weighs 50 kilograms. True False



octopus in the world. It weighs 50 kilograms and is 5 meters long.



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Pick one activity card.

1. What classroom problems could they address?
2. Which features help address those problems?
3. What can you observe during this activity that a silent worksheet might not reveal?

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Read Your Own Chaos

- What does it look like?
- When does it happen?
- What do you currently do?
- What might be causing the problem?

5 MINUTES
WORK IN GROUP OF 5
ASK ONE SHORT CLARIFYING QUESTION

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Work with group

ADAPT A TASK TO ADDRESS THE CHAOS

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Make the idea *visible*

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Wow!

Thank you!

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What are you going to do with your Monday class?

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