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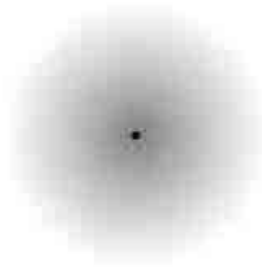
Like Illusions?, want a day out with a difference then visit Puzzling Places!



3 FACES - How many faces do you see?

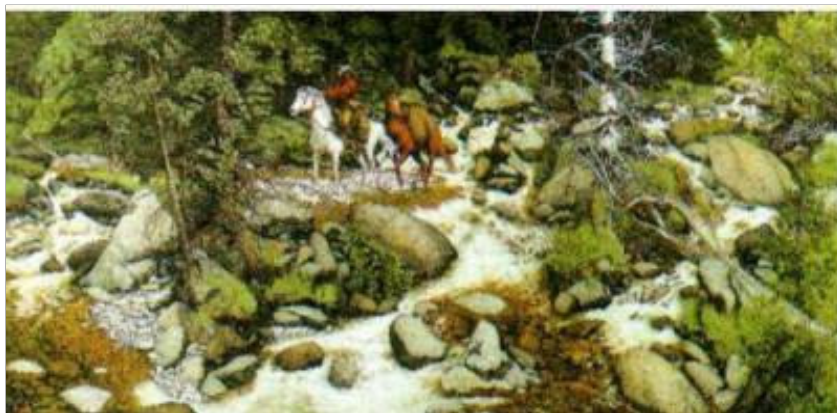
...you should see 3, a young woman, an old woman and a man

Smudge -



Concentrate on the black dot in the centre, and the smudgy bit should vanish!

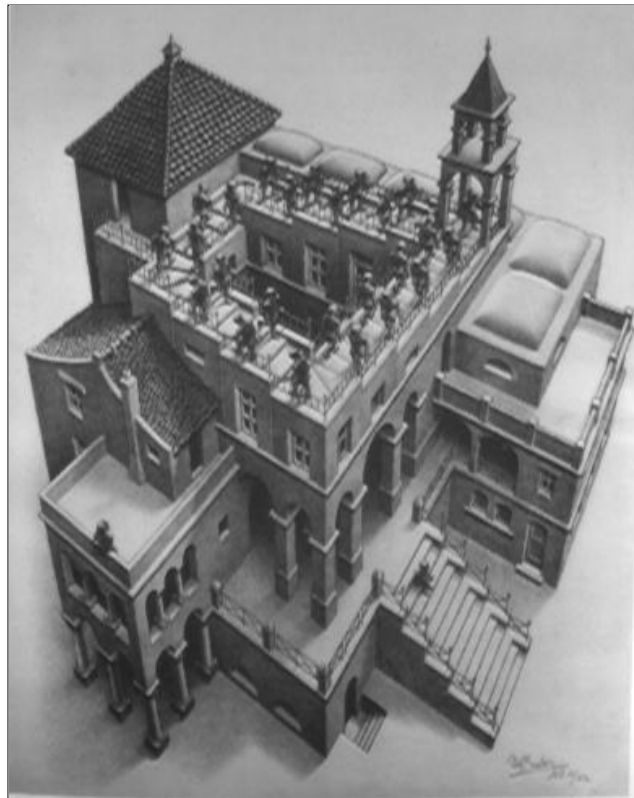
Can you find the 8 faces in the picture?



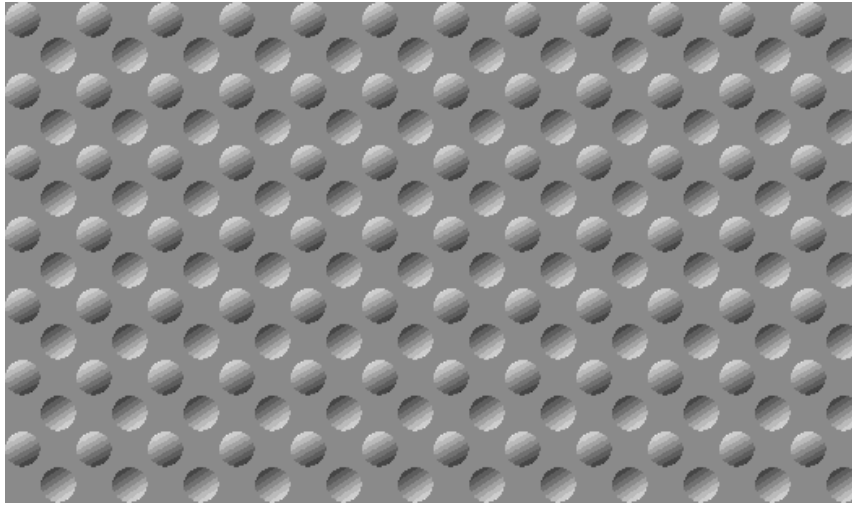
Is the water running up or down? (Escher)



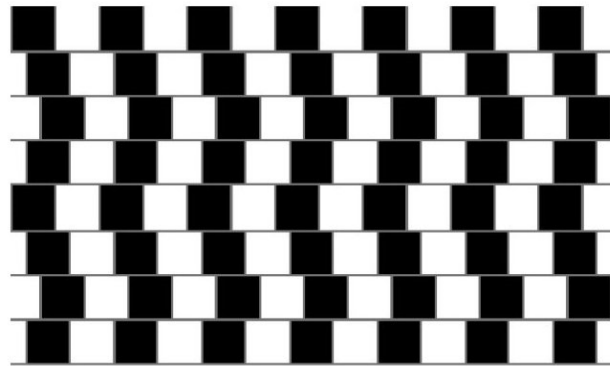
Are the people walking up or down the stairs? (Escher)



What do you see?....a bunch of raised dots or raised and lowered dots?



Parallel Lines -



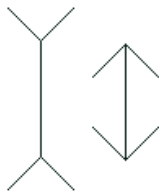
Are the lines parallel - of course they are!

Do you think the lines are horizontal?

The black squares are irregularly positioned and so this causes our whole perception of the image to be distorted

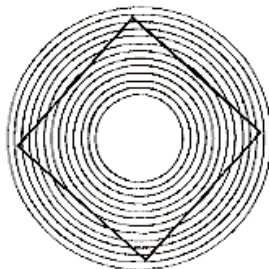
Use a ruler to confirm that lines are horizontal and that your eyes have been tricked.

More lines of Illusions



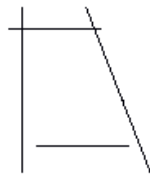
Q) which line is longer?

A) They are both the same length!



Look at the bent square....

it's not actually bent, the lines are straight!



Which horizontal line is longer?
 ...they are both the same length!

A Bird in the Bush



When you first read this, what does it say? - A Bird In The Bush? If you read this more carefully you will find that it says A Bird In The The Bush!

If you caught it the first time, good for you, but I bet you you did not catch it this time!

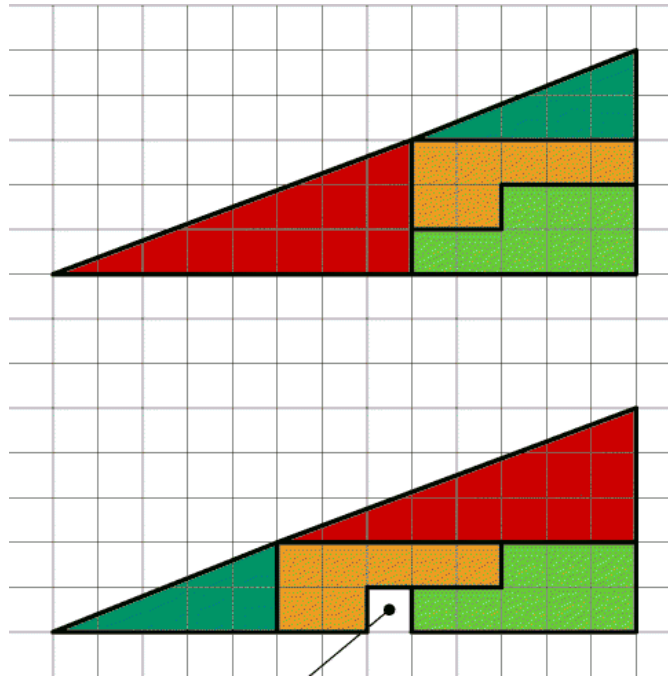
Look at the chart below and say the COLOUR of the word, not the word itself

YELLOW	BLUE	ORANGE
BLACK	RED	GREEN
PURPLE	YELLOW	RED
ORANGE	GREEN	BLACK
BLUE	RED	PURPLE
GREEN	BLUE	ORANGE

LEFT: RIGHT CONFLICT Why is it so difficult?

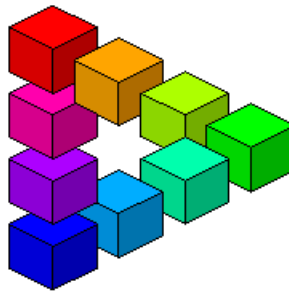
because the right half of your brain is trying to say the colour,
 while the left side of your brain is trying to say the word!

Where does the hole come from?



In the first picture, the four shapes are moved around, but in the second picture, the shapes are exactly the same as those used in the first picture, so where does the hole come from?

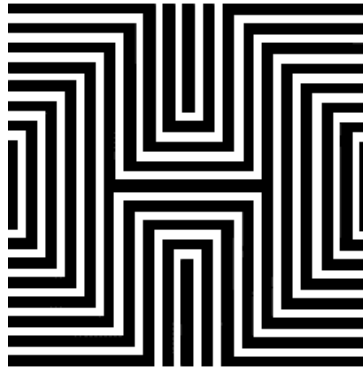
Is this Triangle laying flat or standing on one edge??



Where does this triangle end or does it end??

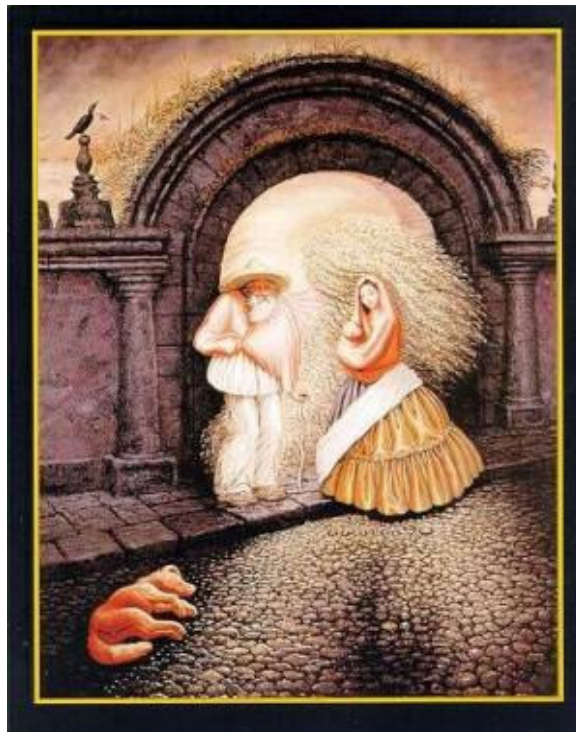


Squares or Rectangles?



Do you see some squares or rectangles? , this is nothing more than lines going in every direction but the way our mind interprets these lines is totally different!

9 People...can you find them all?



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