

What is a Glyph?

Cross-Curricular Focus: Reasoning Skills



A **glyph** is a special picture. It gives information without using words. The handicapped symbol of the wheelchair is a glyph. The restroom symbols for men's and women's bathrooms are also simple glyphs. You can see glyphs every day. Pay attention to signs and pictures around you the next time you are out with your family.

Glyphs are fun to use in activities with your friends. You can be creative. You can decide what the different parts of your glyph will stand for. Each friend can make his own glyph. Share your glyphs. Have fun comparing your friends' **answers** with your own. You never even have to open your mouths!

You can have a lot of fun **analyzing** each glyph. Decide how each can be **classified**. Use the information you observe to create **charts** or **graphs**. You can show how the glyphs have things that are the same. You can show how some of the things they have are different. Each glyph can be a fun secret code. Who knew math could be so fun?

Name: _____

Follow the directions to create your own star glyph. Compare your star glyph to at least two other students' star glyphs.

1. Draw or trace the outline of a star on the back of this page, or on a blank piece of paper. (Look at the star on this paper as a guide, but do not draw the face or tail on your star yet.)
2. Draw a circle in the center of your star. This will become a face.
3. If you are a boy, draw round eyes on your star's face. If you are a girl, draw heart-shaped eyes on your star's face.
4. If you like blue more than red, draw a nose shaped like a triangle. If you like red more than blue, draw a nose shaped like a square.
5. If you like hamburgers more than hot dogs, draw a big, wide, smile. If you like hot dogs more than hamburgers, draw a tiny smile.
6. If you can't wait for vacation, draw a tail on your star. If you're glad to be in school, do not draw a tail.