

Monster Match

Classroom-ready printable pack · Grades K–8

Pack contents

Two identical sets of monster pieces; Descriptor-only challenge cards. Two student sets are included.

Teacher directions

1. Give each partner one complete piece set and place a barrier between them.
2. The Descriptor chooses one challenge card and builds the monster without showing it.
3. The Descriptor explains number, size, shape, pattern, and position. The Builder recreates it.
4. Remove the barrier, compare models, and revise one unclear direction. Switch roles.

Before class

- Print at 100% on US Letter paper. Use cardstock or laminate for reuse.
- Cut on the thick solid borders. Keep Set A and Set B separate.
- Give challenge/model cards only to the Descriptor.
- Use a folder, book, or tabletop barrier so partners cannot see each other's work.

Accessibility and accommodations

Preteach body-part and position words; permit pointing to a vocabulary strip; reduce the piece set; provide extra response time. Pieces differ by shape, pattern, and label—not color alone.

Storage-envelope labels

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Set A — Describer

Count pieces before storing.

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Set B — Builder

Count pieces before storing.

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Challenge / model cards

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Teacher reference

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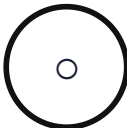
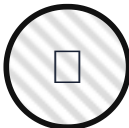
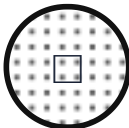
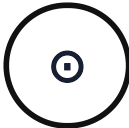
Student language supports

Position: above · below · beside · between · near · far · left · right · clockwise**Clarify:** “Please repeat...” · “Is ___ beside ___?” · “What should I place next?”**Compare:** same · different · rotate · move · replace · sequence

Movable pieces

Set A

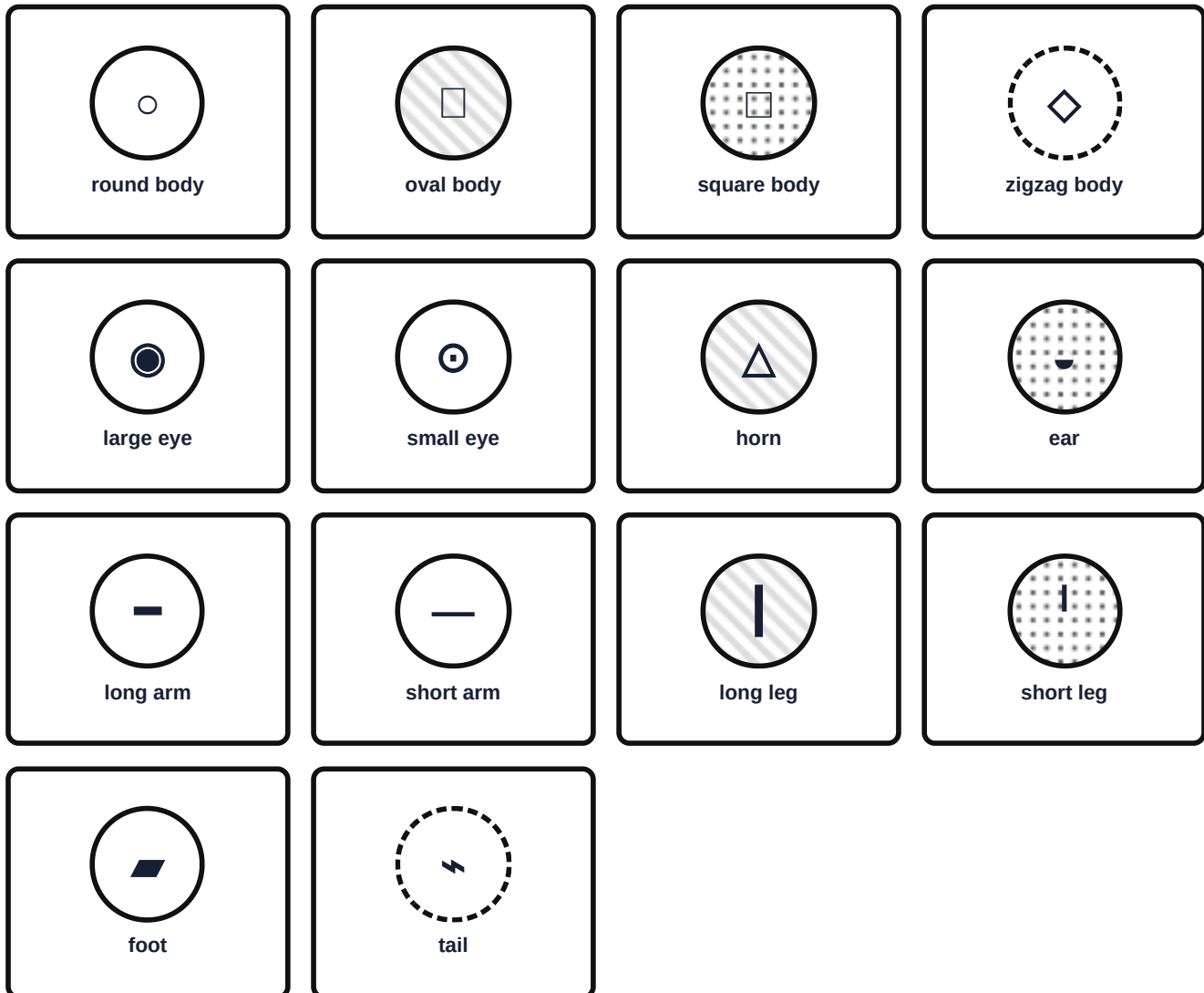
Cut on the solid borders. This set is identical to the partner set.

 round body	 oval body	 square body	 zigzag body
 large eye	 small eye	 horn	 ear
 long arm	 short arm	 long leg	 short leg
 foot	 tail		

Movable pieces

Set B

Cut on the solid borders. This set is identical to the partner set.



Describer-only challenge cards

Keep these cards hidden from the Builder.

Challenge 1

Three eyes; striped round body; two horns; four short legs.

Challenge 2

One large eye; spotted oval body; two arms; three feet.

Challenge 3

Two unequal eyes; zigzag body; one horn; two long legs.

Challenge 4

Four small eyes; plain square body; two ears; one tail.

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Teacher reference

There is no single answer: a successful pair produces matching arrangements. Check body-part count, relative size, pattern, orientation, and position.

Quality check after a round

- Can each student identify pieces by shape or label without relying on color?
- Do both models match in pieces, order, orientation, and relative position?
- Which direction was most precise? Which should be revised?