

Seeing is Deceiving

Grades 5–8 • Art

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What I learned. Our eyes and brain work together to see the world. Sometimes they make mistakes! When your brain guesses wrong about what you're seeing, that's called an **optical illusion**.

Key idea: Your brain doesn't just see—it interprets. It fills in gaps, makes assumptions, and sometimes gets tricked!

PART 1

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Observe an illusion

Look at the optical illusion your teacher shows you. Draw what you see below:

DRAW THE ILLUSION HERE

Answer these questions:

What did you see at first?

Did you see something different when you looked again?

Why do you think your brain saw it that way?

Create your own simple illusion

Try making your own optical illusion! Here are some easy ideas:

- Draw a picture that looks like two different things (like the duck/rabbit)
- Draw lines that look bent but are actually straight
- Draw two shapes that look different sizes but are actually the same

CREATE YOUR ILLUSION HERE

Explain your illusion: What trick does it play on the eyes?

SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Show your family an optical illusion from class or one you find online. Ask them: “*What do you see?*” See if they see it differently than you do!