Find the Face

A pareidolia lesson in looking, drawing and writing, built on the way Keith makes every character: spot a face, draw who you see, give it a name and let it speak in a poem.

Ages 5–11 | **45–60 minutes** | **Art + literacy**

Children Will

1. Practice close looking and notice shapes in everyday objects
2. Turn what they see into an original character
3. Write a short poem in their character's voice

You'll Need

1. The example page and photo sheet in this pack
2. A worksheet for each child
3. Pencils, crayons or markers, plus scissors and glue
4. Optional: tablets or cameras for a face hunt

The Lesson

1. **Warm up, 5 min.** Show Toby the Toaster's photo first. Ask: what do you see? Then reveal the drawing. Introduce the word *pareidolia*: seeing faces in things.
2. **Look, 10 min.** Hunt for faces on the photo sheet, or walk the classroom and spot them in sockets, taps and door handles.
3. **Draw, 15 min.** Each child picks one face and draws the character they see.
4. **Name it, 5 min.** Every character needs a name. Alliteration helps: Toby the Toaster, Coco the Coconut.
5. **Write, 10 min.** A short poem in the character's voice. Starters: *I'm ___, the ___. You'll find me ___. All day long I ___.*
6. **Share, 5 min.** Read poems aloud and show the drawings.

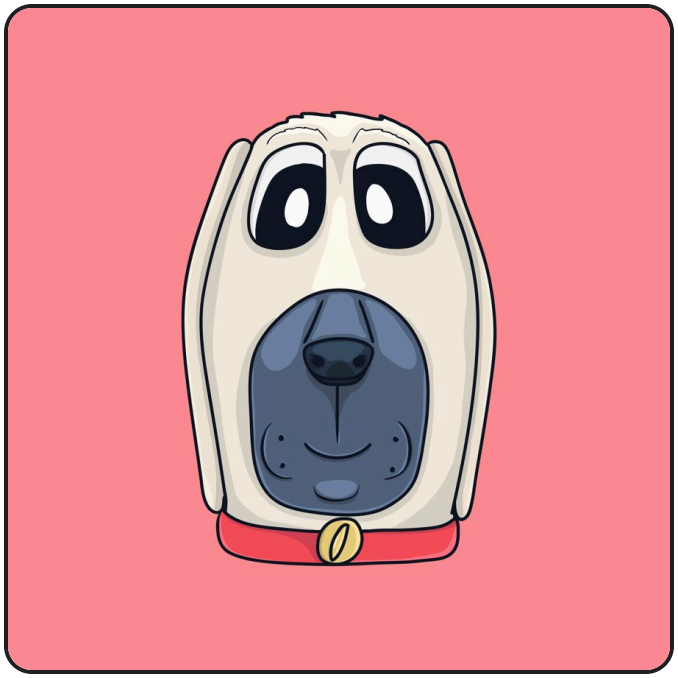
Take it further: photograph faces at home, build a class display, or send your favorites to thefaceswithinplaces@gmail.com.

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Toby the Toaster

Keith spotted a face in his toaster, then drew the character he saw and wrote a poem in its voice.





Talk about it

1. Where are Toby's eyes, nose and mouth in the photo?
2. Why do you think Keith made him a dog?
3. What does Toby want? How can you tell from the poem?

RUFF RUFF! Pay attention to me!
If you ignore me too long
it’s burnt toast you’ll see.
Twist the dial on my collar,
then when the time is up,
you’ll hear me holler.
I’m easy to use, I don’t need a toy.
I’m Toby the toaster,
the tail wagging good boy.

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Name: _____

my face

what i found

what i see

Paste a photo or a face from the photo sheet on the left. Draw what you see on the right.

my character's name is

my character says

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Can you find the face?

Each of these photos hides a face. Find the eyes, nose and mouth, then cut one out and paste it on your worksheet.



A fire hydrant



A washtub sink



A coconut



An espresso machine

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