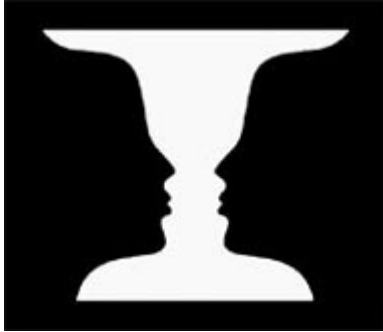


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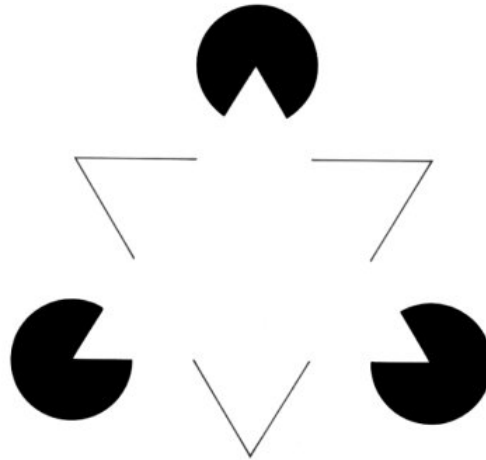
1. Edgar John Rubin created this picture. What do you see?



Listening, like looking, seems to be a pretty neutral act. You observe either what someone says or what something looks like. However, we always try to interpret what we hear and see so that it is meaningful to us. Often we make assumptions so that we hear something or see something one way instead of another.

What stands out to you about Rubin's picture?

2. Now look at Kaniza's Triangle. How many triangles do you see in this picture?



Often, to make meaning out of what we hear or see we have to imagine a certain pattern that connects the dots in a way that makes sense to us.

3. For homework watch your conversations for assumptions. When do you think you already know what is going on? When do you get confused because you assumed that your friend was talking about something else? Write down your observations in your conflict journal.

