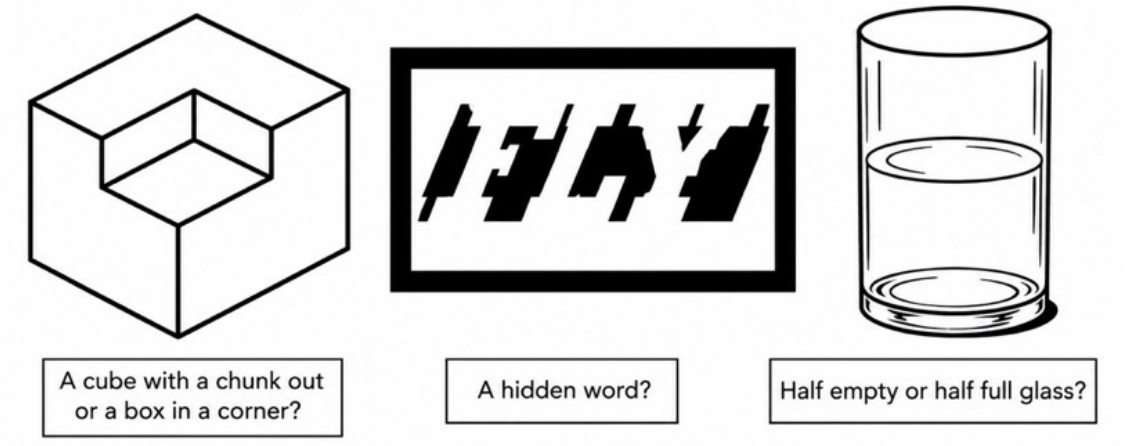
Lesson 3: Seeing Beyond Our Eyes. Perception

In the story "The Wise Men and the Elephant," each of the six blind men argued about how an elephant looked. Their perceptions were based on their "blindness." At times, all of us suffer from "blind spots" because we tend to look at things from our own experiences, needs, values and feelings, not considering other people's experiences, needs, values and feelings.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?



Did everyone perceive the illustrations in the same way?

How do you think "blind spots" might affect the way people perceive others and their ideas?

How can "blind spots" cause prejudice?

YOUR CHALLENGES!

1. Choose an idea that you feel strongly about. Interview other people to get different points of view. How did their perceptions differ from yours? Did you find evidence of "blind spots"?
2. Discuss in class, ways that people can overcome "blind spots."

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