

## CREATIVE CHARACTERS

Use your imagination to draw your own creative character with some help from author and illustrator Shaun Tan.

### Most characters start with a simple shape

#### First, draw a simple shape

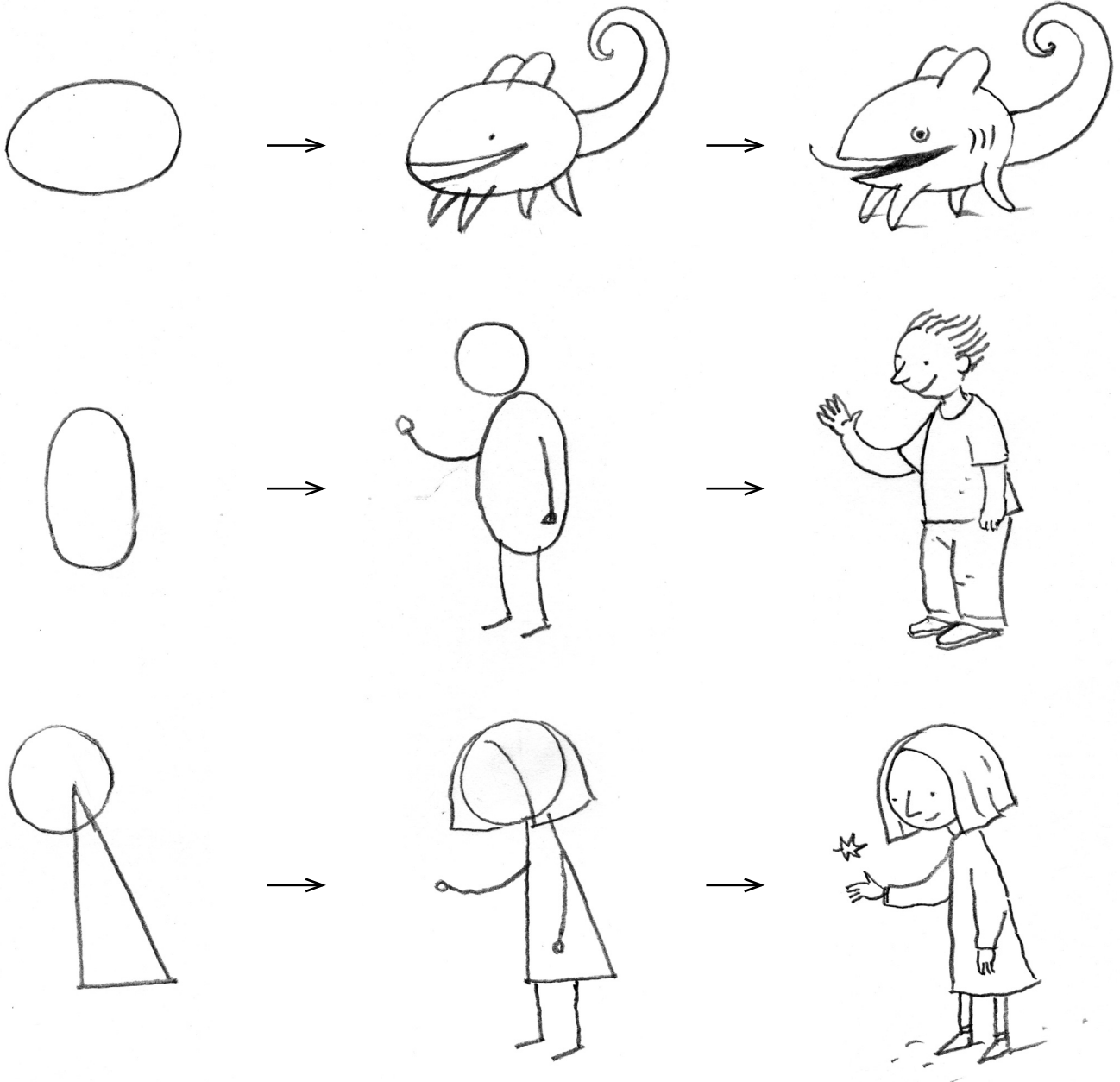
Shaun Tan often starts with an oval but you can use any shape, like a triangle or a square.

#### Next, sketch the basic features

For example, a head, arms, legs or a tail. Keep it simple.

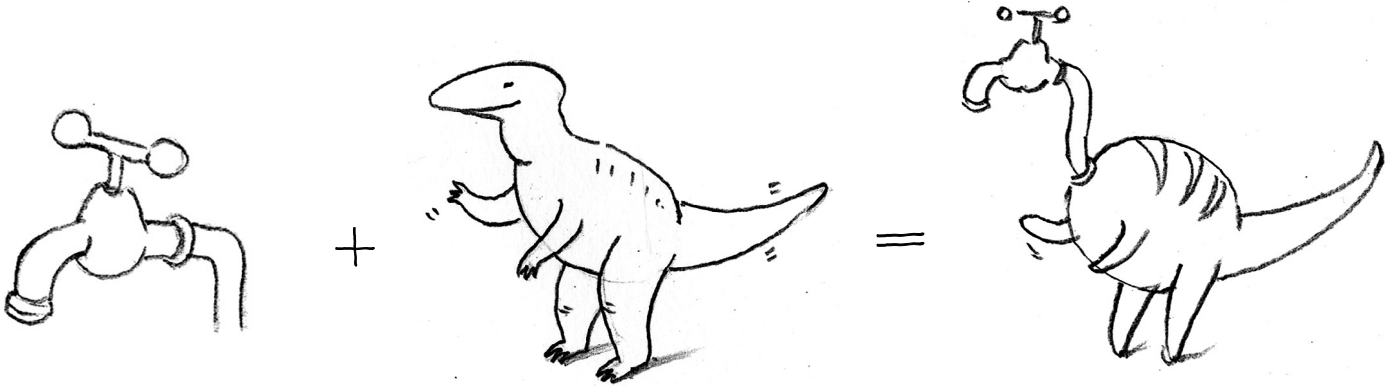
#### Then, add the details

Give your character personality by adding things like eyes, hair or something to hold.



# Creative characters can be inspired by many different things

Try combining an object with an animal to create an unexpected new character.



# Use different features and body parts to show your character's personality

## Eyes

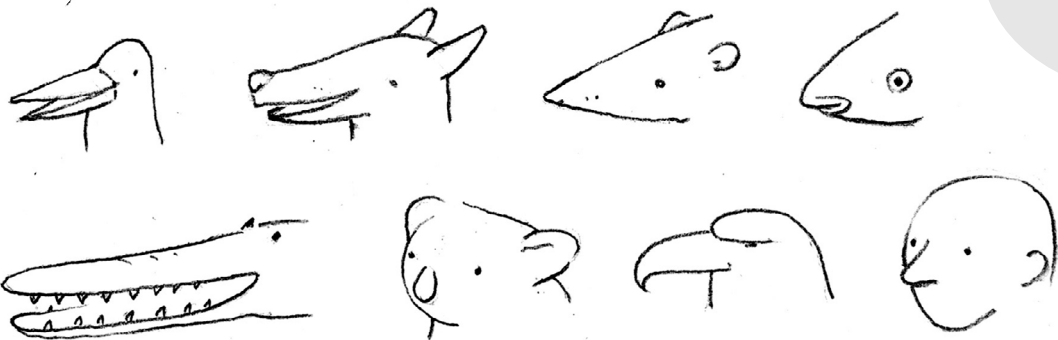


## Ears



How does your character see, speak and hear?

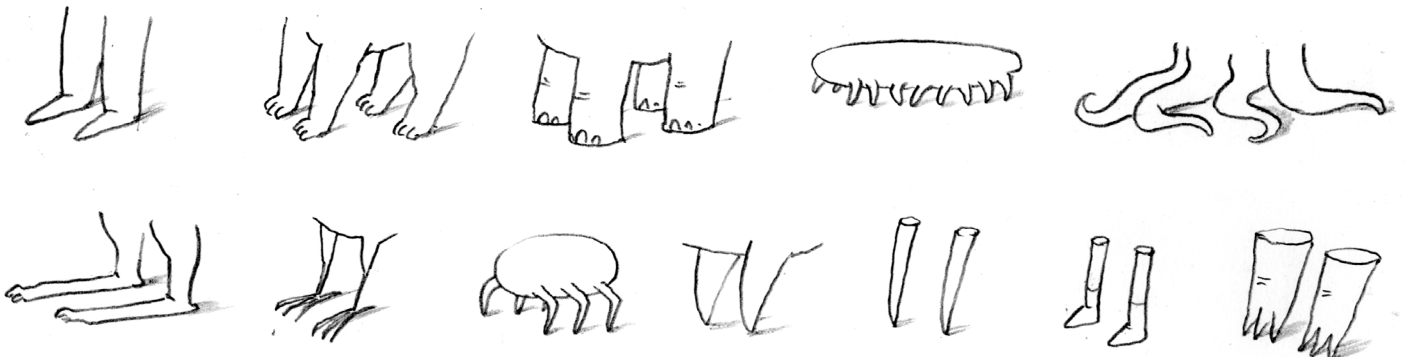
## Noses



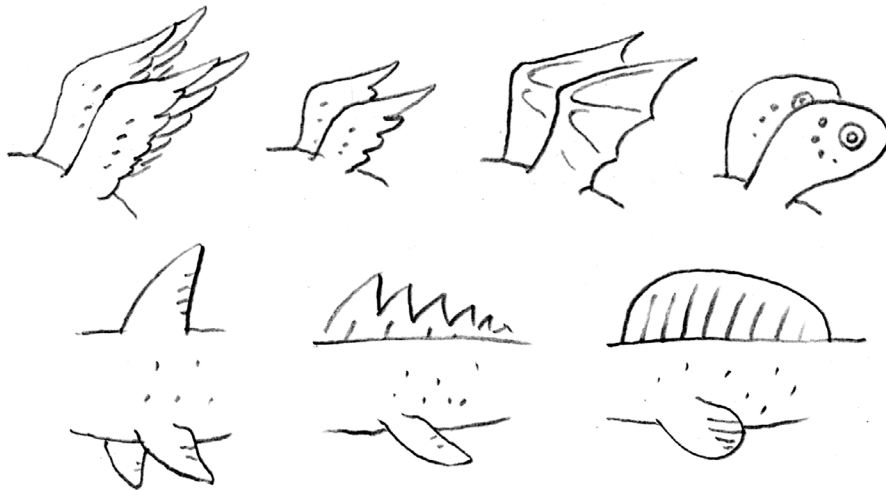
How does your character breathe?

How does your character move?

### Legs

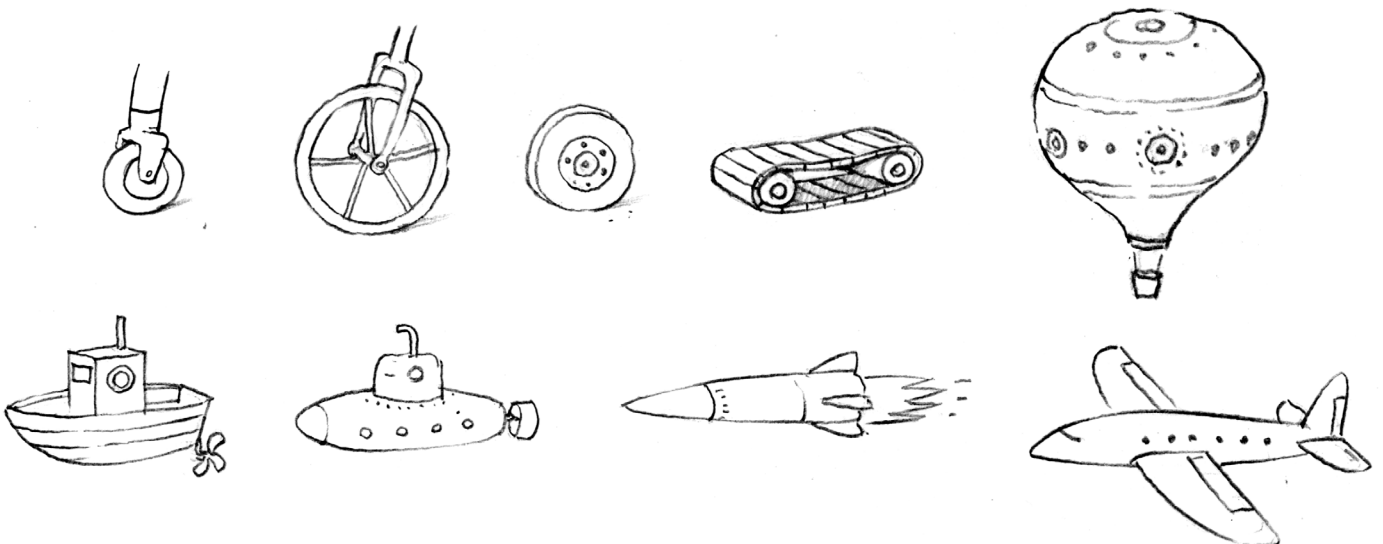


### Flying and swimming

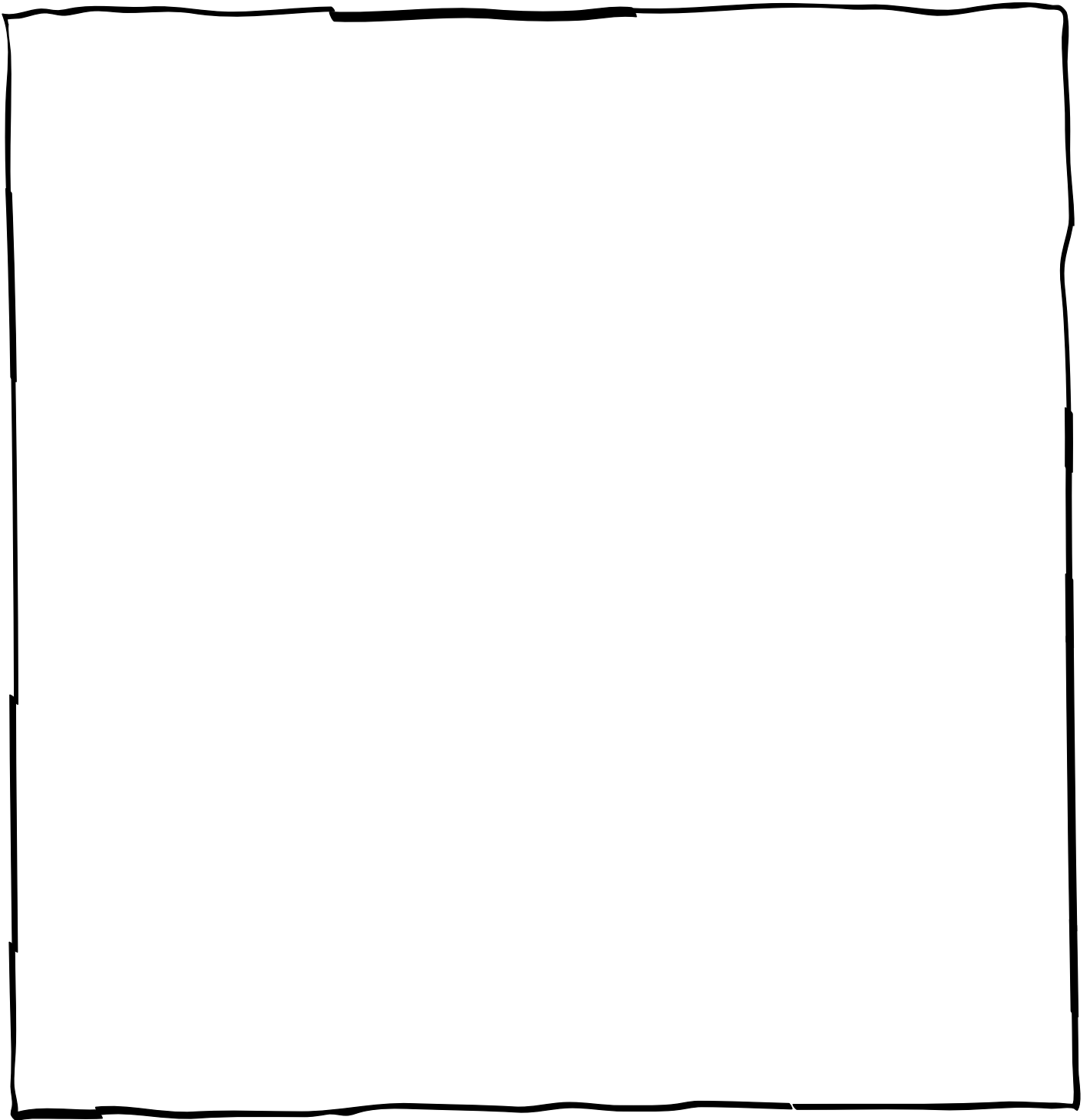


Does it fly, swim, walk or roll?

### Mechanical movement



**Draw your own creative character**



**Write a name or title for your creative character**

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