Module 05

"Content precedes design. Design in the absence of content is not design, it's decoration."

- Jeffrey Zeldmar

ACTIVITY | LOGO: VISUAL RESEARCH



















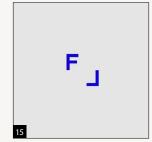






















Collect logo samples in order to understand what a good logo is. Write a short caption for each logo describing why you picked it.

- 1. I thought it was clever the way they formed a bison out of the letters
- 2. I like how they used the utensils as fish bones
- 3. Using a barcode to represent a mug was smart
- **4.** A rocket made out of tees is a clever way to bring rockets and golf together
- 5. The logo is both a person swinging a golfclub and a spartan for spartan golf clubs, so clever
- **6.** I like that the A and U come together to form a pencil
- 7. I like that the glitch is in glitched text
- 8. The ball entering the hole looks like an eye, smart
- The words lava lava come together to look like a flow
- **10.** The dog is made out of piano keys to represent music and dog
- 11. I really like the way the camel looks like stock charts
- 12. Using a zipper to represent the lin zip was smart
- **13.** Representing Bail Bonds with bars is clever
- 14. I like beyond the beat looking like a soundwave
- **15.** The logo is for frameline and the F and L look like a frame
- 16. W R and S look like a sine wave for sound
- 17. The O and W look like one continuous curve
- **18.** I like how art looks like graphiti and there's a microphone in the J
- **19.** The logo is for music deals and it looks like when pigs fly but with a music note wing
- 20. They used skateboards to look like a asian temple

PROJECT | LOGO PROJECT: WORD LISTS

Instructions: Word lists help you find ideas more quickly. To do this, write every word you can think of that relates to what you need help with. For example, when you look for mascot ideas, list as many plants or animals as you can. Do the same for your specific business, AND in listing business names until you have a business name you like. Be sure to list ALL ideas both good and bad. Continue writing after you've thought of all of the obvious ideas. Afterwards, **bold** or star* the words that gave you the best ideas. **NOTE:** If you choose to do this by hand on paper, scan that page and place it on this page instead of re-typing.

Animals:	Skink	Krilll	Hippo	Business Names:
Tiger	Lynx	Shrimp	Rhino	ivairies.
Lion	Woodpecker	Swordfish	Praying Mantis	Rock Retailer*
Bear	Mountain*	Octopus*		Sporting
Zebra	Goat	Toucan	Fly	Greats
Owl	Dolphin	Parrot	Tarantula	Outdoor Exhibition
Giraffe	Meercat	Lemur	Jumping Spider	Camp
Horse	Flamingo	Puma	Corn Snake	Costless
Donkey	Dog	Fusa	King Cobra	Affordable
Chimpanzee*	Cat	Camel	Rattlesnake	Activities Game Save
Orangutan	Chameleon	Chicken	Tree Frog	
Ostrich	Leopard*	Pig	Mammoth	Pay to Play
Emu	Cheetah	Sheep	Brontosaurus	Play to Win
Kangaroo	Sloth*	Fox	T-Rex*	Outfield*
Wallaby	Gorilla	Rabbit		Climb Find*
Cow	Eagle	Mouse		Sports
Tortoise	Hawk	Cappybara		Central
Gecko	Blue Whale	Guinea Pig		Eight Arm Athletics
Armadillo	Hammer head Shark	Elephant		

PROJECT | LOGO: MIND MAP



Identify interesting connections

- 1. Wiggly
- 2. Slimy
- 3. Slippery
- 4. Squishy
- 5. Camoflage
- 6. Clever
- 7. Memory
- 8. Tools
- 9. Unique
- 10. Colorful
- 11. Vibrant
- 12. Patterned
- **13.** Raw
- **14.** Fried
- **15.** Sushi
- 16. Calamari
- 17. Suckers
- 18. Ocean
- 19. Tentacles
- 20. Unknown

PROJECT | LOGO: CATEGORY & THEME

Complete this worksheet **before** you begin your research or start sketching your logo. Use this page to define the problem you will be solving before you begin working on the logo itself. The success of your logo will be assessed according to the information you provide here.

CATEGORY/MASCOT

My category will be sporting goods store and my mascot will be an octopus

TARGET AUDIENCE

My audience will be children and parents who are active in any way, whether it be baseball, camping, rock climbing, or anything else outdoorsy

CATEGORY DETAILS

It will be playful, silly, fun, and targeted at being affordable for the family

EMOTIONAL/RATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

It should communicate humor and childlike wonder

The ideas should revolve around being fun, active, and affordability

COMPANY/EXHIBIT NAME

Eight Arm Athletics

COMPANY TAGLINE

We sell gear for those who like a little bit of everything

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PROJECT | MASCOT | VISUAL RESEARCH: PHOTOS











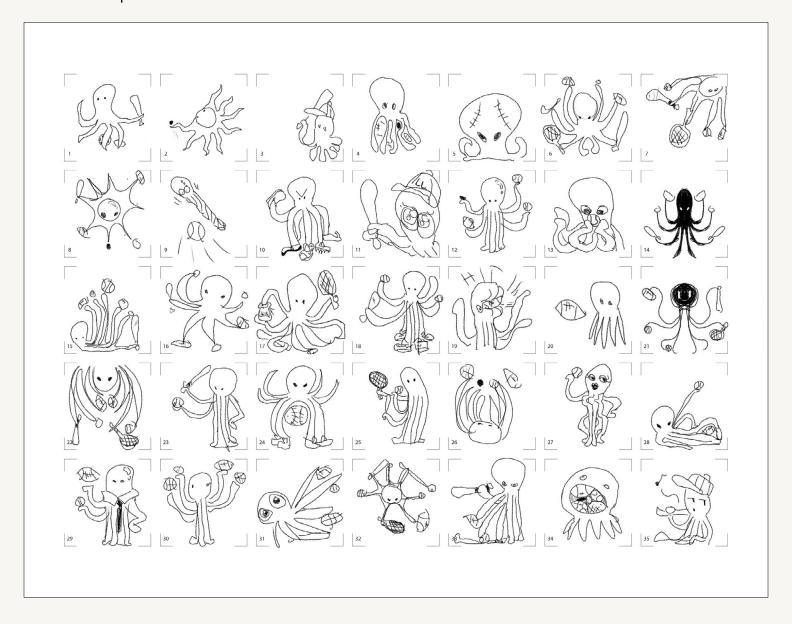








PROJECT | LOGO PROJECT: SYMBOL SKETCHES



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My favorite dessert is a brownie sundae because a place back home in Richmond, VA has the best brownie sundae, and I used to get that when I was in highschool when my grandma would take me out to dinner but I'd already have eaten with my girlfriend.

In the professional logos you found, what do your favorite logos have in common?

They are clever and have some form of double meaning to bring the design together.

In your opinion, how is a logo different from an illustration or drawing?

A logo is different from an illustration or drawing because it has to help represent an idea visually while maintaining simplicity.

Why do you conduct research at the beginning of a design project?

You conduct research in order to get a better idea of what you want your design to mean, how you want it to make you feel, and so that you can understand why similar designs work.

What makes a good symbol?

I think that a symbol is good when it is simple but fully explains an idea.

Roughly how many ideas were you able to discover through your word lists and mind maps?

I was able to think of probably around 20 ideas just from the words list and mind map, but I don't think I would say it was 20 good ideas.

Every designer develops their own process based on what they find most helpful. Did you find word lists or mind maps more helpful to your process? Why?

I think words lists are more helpful to me only because I can get a lot of information down and once I have a good starting place the details seem to work themselves out.

How many of your sketches combine two different symbols into a single symbol? Do you feel you need to do this more or less?

I think all of them combine different symbols, but only a



few of them actually combined it into one. I think I did it a fair amount.

What is the most difficult part of coming up with symbols to sketch? How did you work through this difficulty?

I think the most difficult thing for me with coming up with symbols is trying to be clever. I don't really like to

put an idea out there if I don't think it's good, so another thing I struggle with is drawing anything.

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