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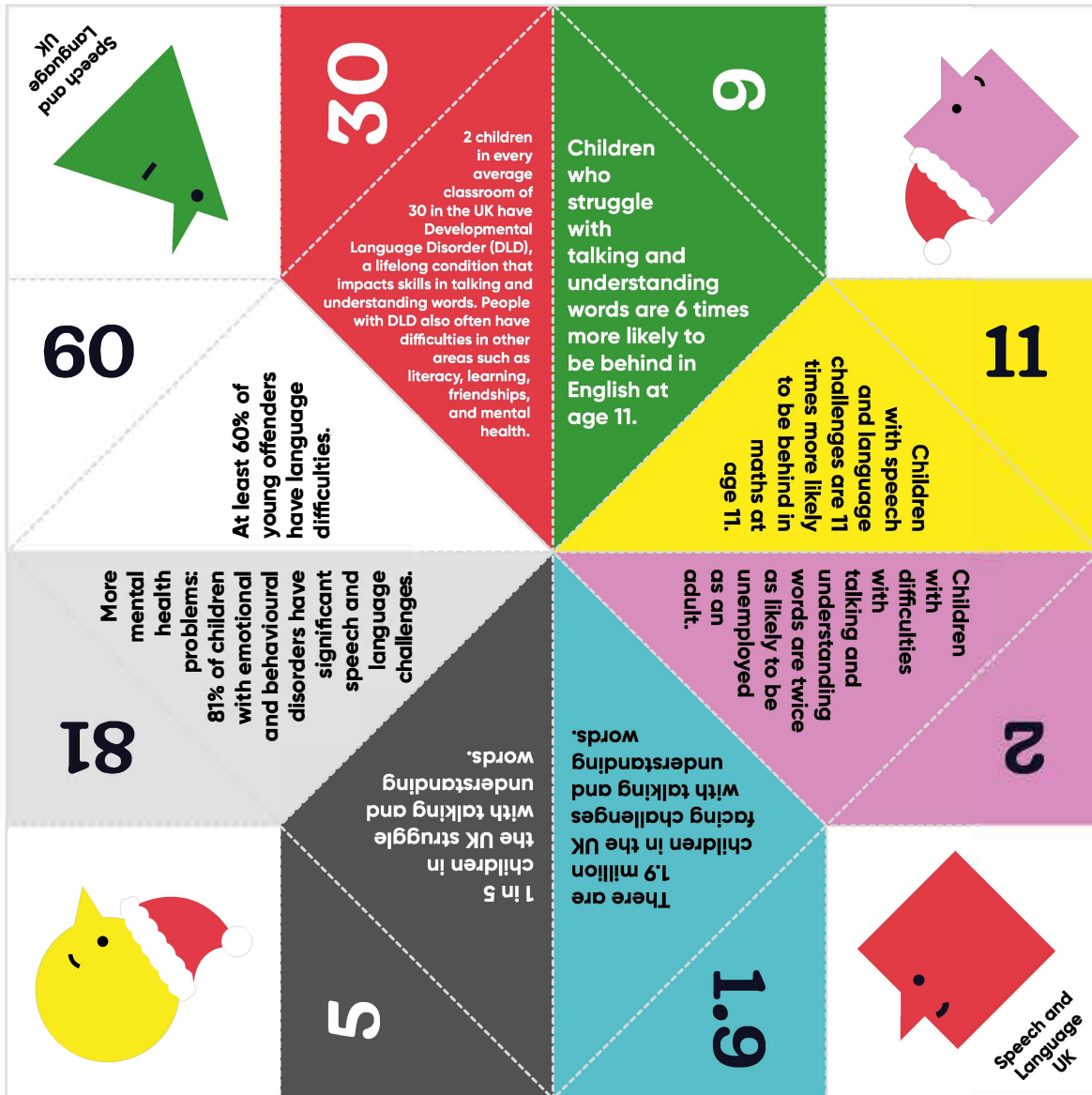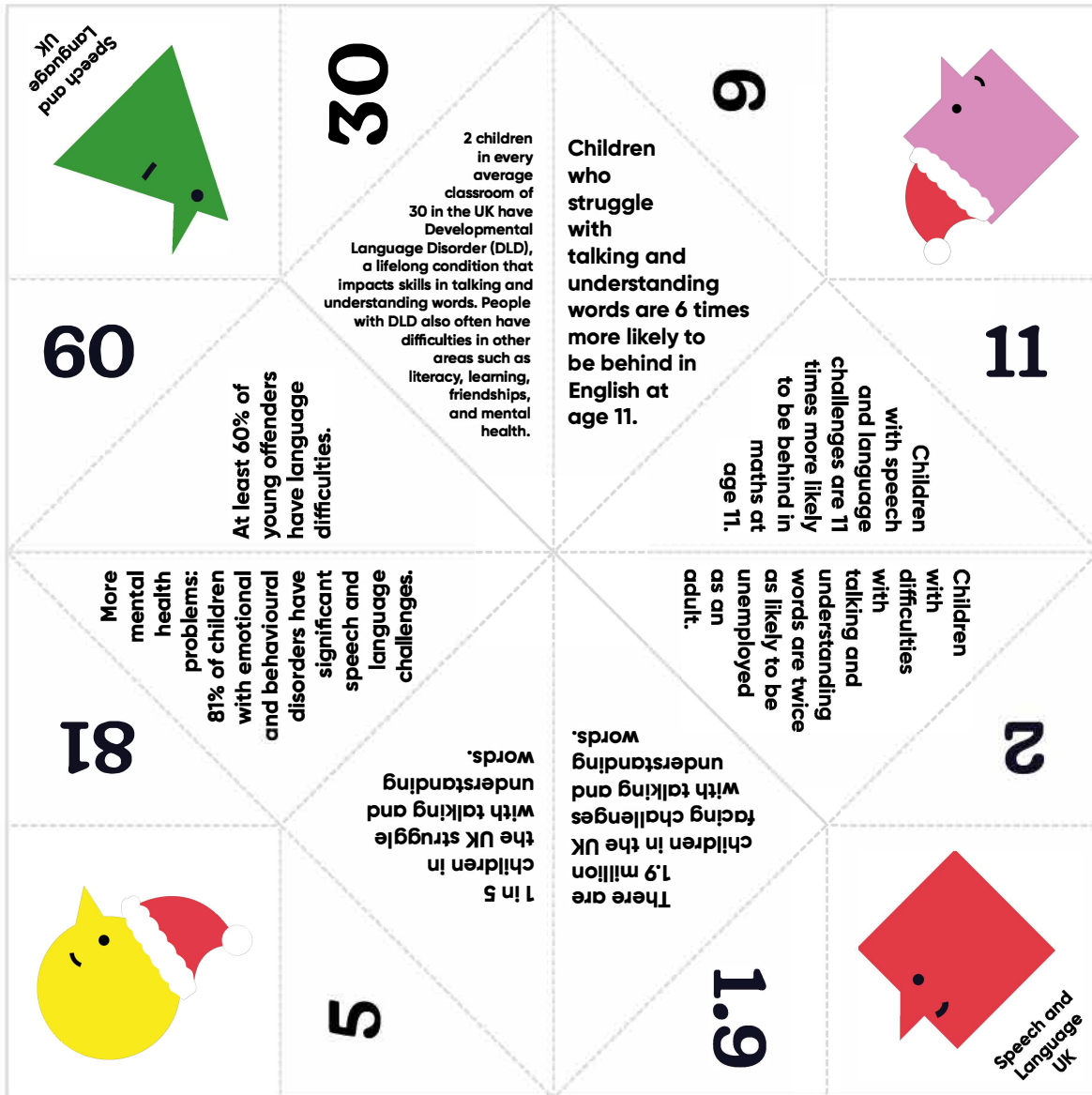## Cut out the square above then follow the instructions to create your chatterbox on the next page

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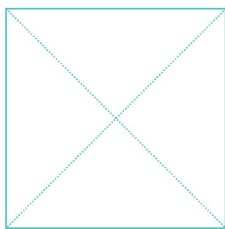
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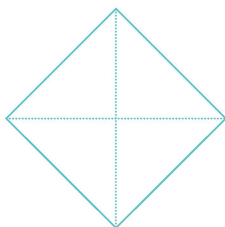Fold all corners to the centre of the paper.
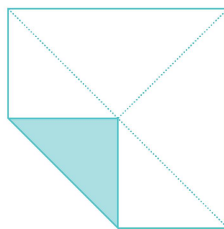
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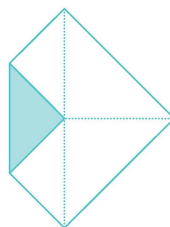Now your paper should look like this.
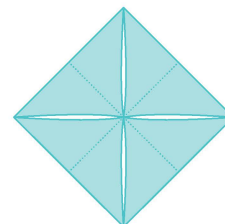
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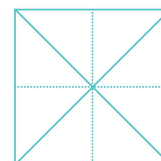Now turn your paper over so the folds you just made are face down.
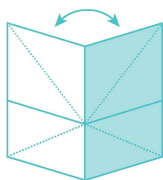
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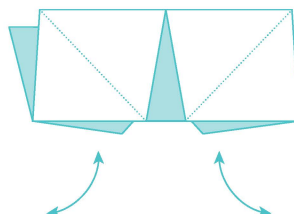
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Place a thumb and index finger under each character and squeeze them together in the middle.

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Finished!