

Talking in Circles

Do you see a spinning vase—or a conversation?

Try This

- Spin the vase. Can you see two people talking?
(Squinting may help.)

What's Going On?

When you first look at this exhibit, you probably notice the vase, but not the outlines of the faces. Three-dimensional objects tend to catch our attention more than flat surfaces or outlines do.

After you spin the vase, your attention may shift to the talking faces. That's because our eye-brain system has evolved to notice things that are moving.