WORKSHEET

The French military cemetery St-Charles-de-Potyze

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Both British and French soldiers defended the city of Ypres during the First World War. The military cemetery of St-Charles-de-Potyze is one of the places where French soldiers who perished during the war are remembered.

1 How would you describe the atmosphere in this French cemetery? Choose adjectives from the list below.

Pleasant - colourful - proud - cheerful - attractive - serene - oppressive - sad - depressing - touching - inspiring - threatening - cheerless - dark - scary.

If you cannot find the words you're looking for in the list, write them down below:

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2 Compared to a British cemetery there are some obvious differences. What are they?

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3 How many people are buried here? (You can find this information in the small box at the entrance).

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4 This cemetery is filled with long, straight rows of crosses. All crosses, you think, until you look more closely. Suddenly you see a headstone that doens't look like all the rest. These headstones commemorate 69 Muslims, young men who came over from the overseas colonies of France.

Draw the shape of one such headstone below.