

MHS Heraldry Group

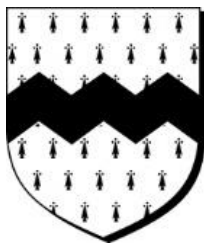
Blazoning – Unit 5

EXERCISE 1 - REMINDERS

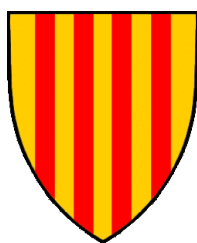
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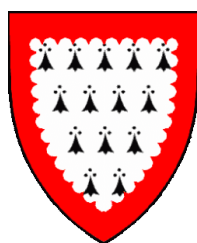
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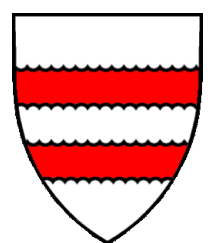
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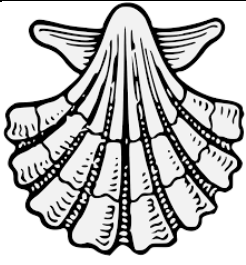
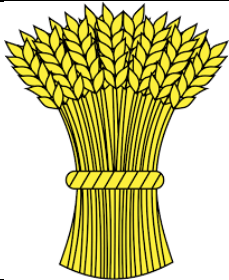


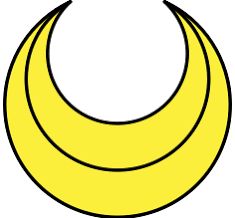
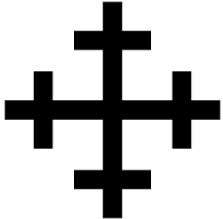

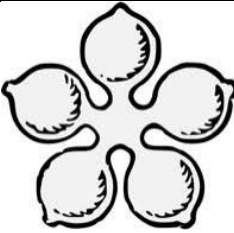

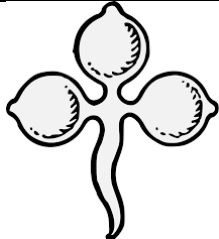


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HERE ARE SOME CHARGES THAT CROP UP FREQUENTLY –LEARN PLEASE!




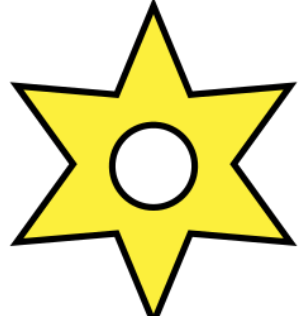
				
Escallop	Garb	Pheon - inner edge scalloped	Fleur-de-lys - various designs	Crescent - this way up by default
				
Cross crosslet	Cross crosslet fitchy	Cinquefoil	Quatrefoil	Trefoil slipped

Animals

- By default all animals that are portrayed sideways look to the dexter.
- A lion rampant has just one foot on the floor. More on lions later.
- A full-frontal big cat's head is usually blazoned as a leopard's head.

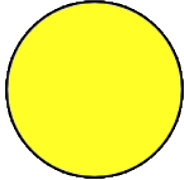
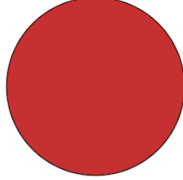
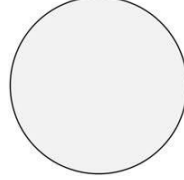
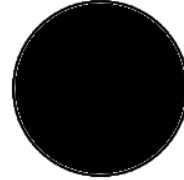
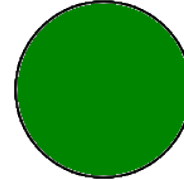
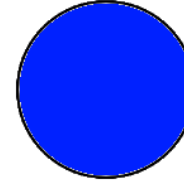
Mullets

- By default a mullet is a five-pointed star.
- Mullets, cinquefoils etc. that have a circular hole in the middle, through which the field or charge underneath can be seen, are said to be pierced.


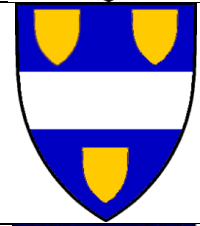

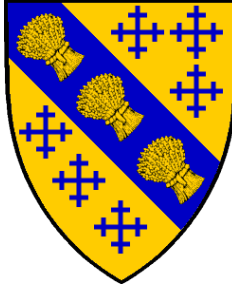
			
Lion rampant	Leopard's head	Mullet	Mullet of six points pierced

Roundels

Circular discs are called roundels. One can refer to a 'roundel azure' for instance, but each colour actually has a name. I remember the names of the 'roundel or' and the 'roundel gules' but sometimes have to look up the others.


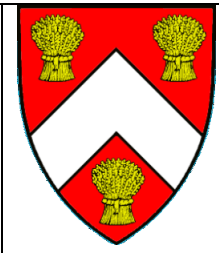

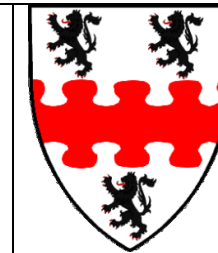
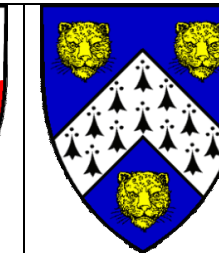
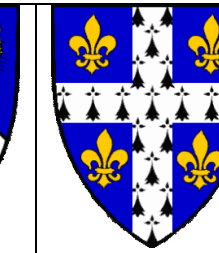
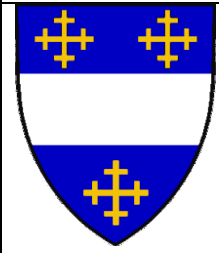
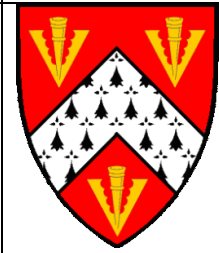

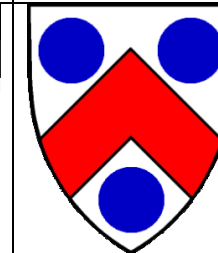
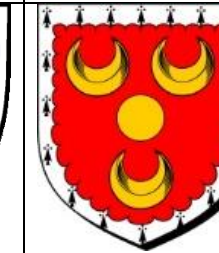
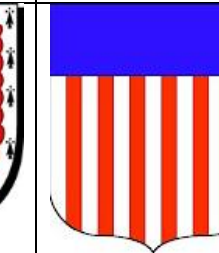
					
Bezant	Torteau	Plate	Pellet	Pomme	Hurt

FOUR IMPORTANT POINTS

<p>Repeated charges</p> <p>If a charge appears three times on a field, by default the three are distributed with two above and one beneath. – here it's <i>Or three lozenges sable</i>.</p>	
<p>Between</p> <p>Charges are often placed around an ordinary like this. This is blazoned as <i>Azure a fess argent between three escutcheons or</i>.</p>	
<p>Repeated tinctures</p> <p>When a tincture is mentioned in a blazon it acts retrospectively, back until another tincture is mentioned. In the case like the one opposite, the escallops and the chevron are both <i>or</i> and the blazon is <i>Sable a chevron between three escallops or</i>.</p>	
<p>Repeated tinctures in more complicated shields</p> <p>Sometimes the same tincture comes up more than once and the approach above isn't appropriate. Traditionally, effort has always been made to avoid repeating a tincture in a blazon. <i>Or</i> may be replaced by <i>gold</i>, and <i>argent</i> by <i>silver</i>. In this case, with the field <i>or</i>, the garbs may be referred to as <i>of the first</i>. So the blazon here might be <i>Or on a bend between six crosses crosslet azure, three garbs of the first</i>. Don't worry, in this day and age it's quite OK to repeat the tinctures if it's easier.</p>	

EXERCISE 2

Blazon these

					
1	2	3	4	5	6
					
7	8	9	10	11	12

ANSWERS

Exercise 1

1	2	3	4	5	6
Or three bars wavy gules	Ermine a fess dancetty sable	Or four pallets gules	Ermine a bordure engrailed gules	Ermine three bars wavy sable	Argent two bars engrailed gules

Exercise 2

1. Argent a chevron engrailed between three lions rampant sable
2. Gules a chevron argent between three garbs or
3. Azure a bend between two mullets argent
4. Argent a fess nebuly gules between three lions rampant sable
5. Azure a chevron ermine between three leopards' heads or
6. Azure a cross ermine between four fleur-de-lys or
7. Azure a fess argent between three crosses crosslet or
8. Gules a chevron ermine between three pheons or
9. Azure three mullets of six points argent
10. Argent a chevron gules between three hurts
11. Gules a bezant between three crescents or, a bordure engrailed ermine
12. Argent six pallets gules, a chief azure