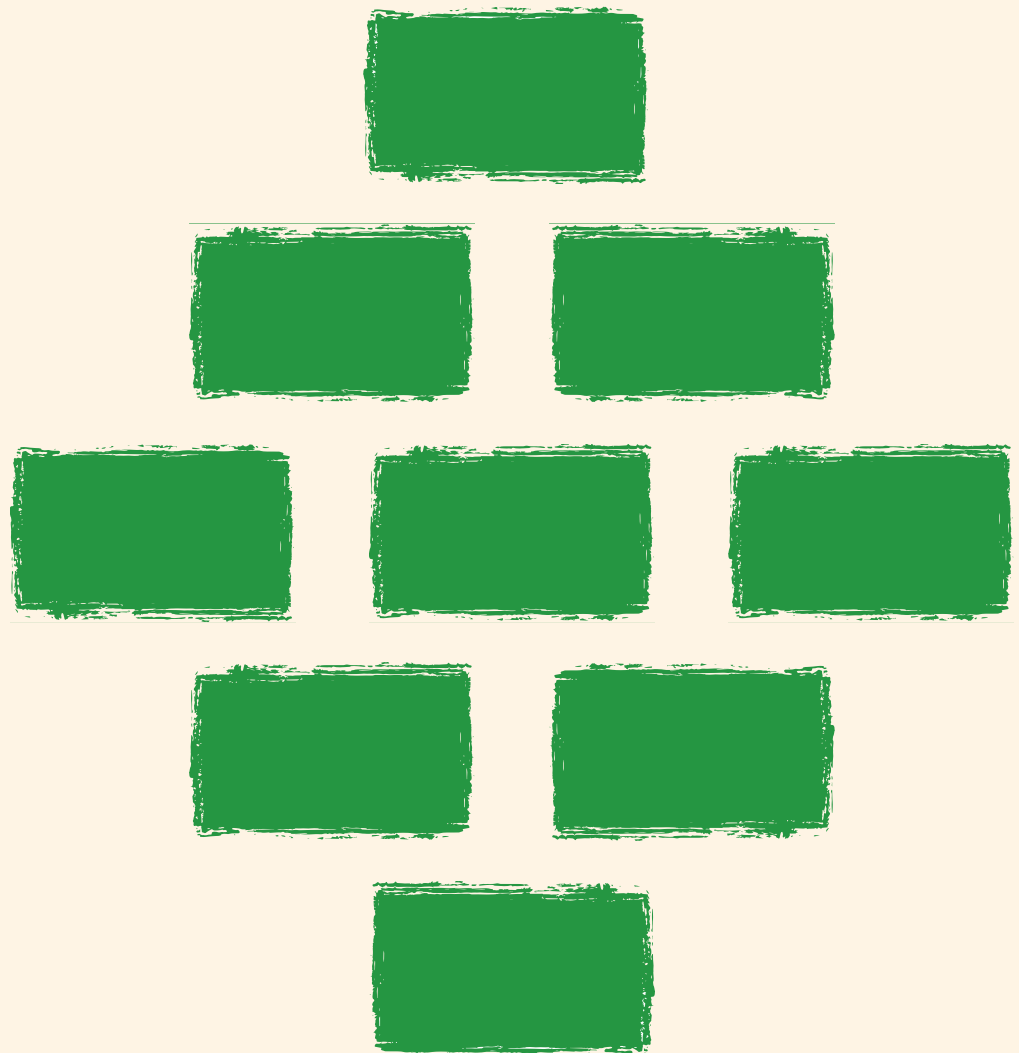


DIAMOND RANKING EXERCISE

If your students are struggling to come up with ideas or aren't communicating, use this exercise to get them talking, debating, deciding and presenting.

- Photocopy the opposite page and cut into nine separate images.
- Ask your team to discuss which gardens they do and don't like. Ask them to give reasons. This part of the exercise will stimulate debate but they do need to come to an agreement (or compromise).
- Arrange the images into a diamond shape with their favourite garden at the top, then two of their next favourites until they have their least favourite at the bottom (as per the diagram below).



- Ask your students to discuss whether there are now any clear indications of things they would like in a garden design. For example, are all the colourful gardens at the top or have they mainly chosen gardens with plenty of hard landscaping?
- Encourage the students to share their thoughts and reasons with each other to see if they have similar thoughts.

