## A Simple Record Company Logo

Illustrator is a Vector Graphics software package. It's great for creating simple logos using fonts and shapes.

1. Open Adobe Illustrator
2. Click File $>$ New - and create an image that is 200 mm by 200 mm

Check the screenshot for the details
3. Click $\mathbf{O K}$ to create a new artboard


## Draw a circle:

4. Find the Rectangle Tool on the left toolbar. Click and hold it until a new set of tools appears
5. Choose the Ellipse Tool
6. Hold SHIFT down and draw a circle

Holding SHIFT down makes sure you get a perfect circle rather than an oval
7. On the left toolbar, switch to the Selection Tool. Use this to move the circle around and make it bigger (hold SHIFT down again)

Aim to fill most of the artboard

8. On the right sidebar, change the Fill Colour to black
9. Keep the Stroke Colour black. The stroke is the line around the edge of a shape. For this example it can be the same colour as the fill

10. On the right sidebar find the Align section
11. Click the two buttons shown in the screenshot to place the circle exactly in the centre of the artboard


## Add some text

12. Click on the Type Tool (the T) on the left toolbar
13. Click somewhere in the red circle

Some words appear - they will disappear when you type something or you can just delete them
14. Type the name of the record company: IGUANA


The text is far too small. We need to make it bigger and style it
15. Make sure the Type Tool is selected on the left toolbar
16. Highlight the text
17. Use the right sidebar to change:

- the font size (type a number in if it needs to be bigger)
- the font to something like Impact
- the fill colour to black
- the stroke colour to white
- the stroke weight to about $\mathbf{2} \mathbf{~ p t}$ - experiment with this

18. Switch back to the Selection Tool on the left toolbar
19. Click the two centre buttons on the right sidebar to place


## the letters exactly in the centre of the artboard



## Save and Export

20. Save your work: File > Save As > give your file a sensible name and make sure you're saving it in your OneDrive

The file will save as an Adobe Illustrator (ai) file
21. Export your work: File > Export > Export As > choose PNG file type from the dropdown. When the next box appears, check:

- the resolution is set to High (300ppi)
- the background is transparent


## 22. Click OK

This will export your logo as a PNG file which can be used easily


