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You will need

- A4 paper
- Coloured pens or pencils

1. Split into pairs, and give each pair two pens and four pieces of paper.

2. Each pair should sit back to back.

3. Everyone should draw a simple picture, keeping it a secret from their partner.

4. Each pair should choose one person to be the first communicator — the other will be the artist.

Once they've had a go, pairs will swap roles, so everyone will get a chance to be the communicator and the artist.

5. The artist should get their other (blank) sheet of paper, and their pen.

6. The communicator should describe the picture they drew in small chunks. They can't say what they've drawn; they should only describe how to draw it.

For example, the communicator can't say 'draw a window' but they could say 'draw a square, and then put a cross in the middle of it'.

7. The artist should follow the communicator's instructions and draw a copy of the communicator's picture.

8. The artist can ask up to three questions, to check that they have understood the communicator's instructions.

9. Once the artist has finished following the communicator's instructions, they should swap roles and play again.

10. Once the pairs have completed both drawings, they should compare the original drawings to the artists' copies. How similar are the pictures?

Objectives:

This game needed you to communicate. Did you find it easier to be the communicator or the artist? How did you communicate clearly? What information did the artist need to know? How did the artist decide which questions to ask? Was it tricky to ask questions that got you the information you needed to know? Would you have liked to have asked more questions?

This game also needed you to be a team player. What was your shared team goal? Did each role have different responsibilities to play in the game? Was it difficult to listen to the communicator's instructions and artist's questions? How did you avoid getting frustrated with each other? Can you think of anything that would've helped you work better as a team?