

## Back to Back Drawing



**Equipment Required:** Various shapes printed on blank paper and pencils.

**Space Required:** Small. Indoors or Outdoors.

**Group Size:** 6 to 16 ideally (If you have an odd number allow for a trio).

**Skills: Verbal Communication, Teamwork, Cooperation and Listening Skills**

**Brief Overview:** Working in pairs, one person must describe a shape without naming it and their partner must try to draw the shape they are describing, trying to get as close to the original shape as possible. This activity focuses heavily on **verbal communication and listening skills**.

**Instructions:** Divide your team into pairs, and have each pair organize their chairs so they are sitting back to back. Give one person out of each pair a picture of a shape, and give the other person some paper and a pencil. The person who is holding the picture is now required to give verbal instructions to their partners on how to draw the shape – they are not allowed to tell their partner the name of the shape and can only describe the picture. Allow three to five minutes to complete the picture and after, comparing the shape with the actual drawing.

**Discussion points:**

- 1) How well did the first person describe the shape to their partner?
- 2) How well did the second person understand the instructions and how close were they to duplicating the actual shape of the picture?
- 3) Did they discover any problems with the sending or receiving parts of communication and how did they overcome this?
- 4) What do you feel you took away from this task?