

Communication Exercise: Back-to-Back

Directions:

- Ask students to form pairs and have the pairs sit down/stand up so their backs are against each other.
- Get the pair to decide who would like to be the '**guide**' and who would like to be the '**drawer**'.
- Give the guide one of the pictures and give the drawer a pencil, sheet and clipboard.
- The guide must describe the design on their paper in such a way that the drawer can reproduce it on their own paper without seeing the original picture.
- The pair will be given 5 minutes to complete the task.
- Each pair works until the drawer has completed the picture to the best of their ability or the time is up.
- Once everyone has finished, the drawers can compare their designs to the originals.

Rules for the Guide:

1. The **guide** is allowed to talk.
2. The **guide** can only use the following when talking to the drawer:
 - a. Shapes: e.g. "draw a small circle, large triangle, etc."
 - b. Angles: e.g. "draw a line at an angle of 90 degrees"
 - c. Directions: e.g. "draw a square on the left side of the page"
3. The **guide** must not mention what the picture is or give any hints about the picture.
4. The **guide** must not look over their shoulder.

Rules for the Drawer:

1. The **drawer** must not speak at all.
2. The **drawer** must not look over their shoulder.