

BACK TO BACK DRAWING

Items Needed:

A pencil for every two people, a blank piece of paper for each person, two different pictures of various geometric shapes (two pictures for each pair of people)

Divide the group into partners. Have the partners sit back-to-back. There should be enough space between the pairs so they cannot see what another pair is drawing. Give one of the partners a pencil and a blank piece of paper. If possible, give them a hard surface to draw upon. Give the other partner a picture. Have them return to their partner and begin describing the picture to the first partner while that partner tries to draw the picture they are describing. The person giving the instructions may not look at what their partner is drawing, nor may the partner look at the picture that is being described. If you wish, you may let them ask questions to each other. Once the first person is done describing the picture and their partner has drawn it to the best of their ability, let them compare pictures. Now have them switch roles. Give the person who drew the first picture a new picture and they will now be the one giving instructions.

DISCUSSION IDEAS:

- *How similar did the picture that you drew look to the picture that your partner was describing?
- *What were some of the things that made it difficult to complete this activity?
- *What were the feelings that you felt when you were the person describing the picture to your partner? Why did you feel this way?
- *What were the feelings that you felt when you were the person trying to draw the picture from your partner's description? Why did you feel this way?
- *How do you think this applies to communicating with others?
- *Describe situations where you have felt this way with your friends.
- *Describe situations where you have felt this way with your parents.
- *What steps could you take to be sure that others do not feel this way when they are talking to you?

