

Blind Artist Activity

Groups of 2

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Materials

Materials (per pair):

- Sheet of paper
- Set of crayons or markers
- A photo or picture of reference (Photo references in slide No 6)

How to Play

Instructions:

- Divide the group into pairs.
- Give one member of the pair the paper and crayons. This person is the drawer.
- Give the other member of the pair the photo or picture. This person is the describer.
- Have the two sit back to back. The describer must not let the drawer see the photo.
- The describer must tell the drawer what to draw in order to replicate the picture. But he or she cannot name objects in the picture. They can only say colors and shapes.
- After five minutes, have each pair show the group the original photo and the drawing.

Extra Clarification

- ** Note: It is important that the describer knows they can only say colors and shapes. Give them some examples. Instead of saying “Draw a tree” they can say “Draw a long brown rectangle. Put a big green blob on top of the rectangle.” Give them several examples if they don’t understand.

Alternative Challenges

- The drawer must have their eyes closed
- You must draw with your non dominant hand
- The explainer can only see the reference for a couple of seconds, before having to explain the drawing
- The explainer cannot say shape names
- The picture given to the explainer is upside down, and the explainer must try to have the drawer draw the photo right side up

Examples

