

Challenge: Your turn to talk

When we're working with others, clear communication is really important. This is especially important when we're describing something or giving instructions, as it helps the other person to understand your message. Often when something goes wrong, it's because the communication wasn't clear enough. Here's a fun challenge to test your speaking skills almost as much as someone else's listening skills! Do they understand what you mean? Were you clear enough? Do you need to change how you describe something?

Step 1: The aim of the challenge is to describe something to your partner so that they can use your instructions to create the same thing, but without seeing your example to copy! So, decide how you'll do this. Perhaps you could draw a simple picture (e.g. a house), then describe it to your partner for them to try and draw the same on their paper (remember, they can't see yours!). Or, you could use a few building blocks (e.g. Lego) to create a simple shape. Why not use some recycling items (e.g. boxes, tubes, or packets)? Remember, they need to have the same equipment that you were able to use.

Step 2: Create (or draw) the original object without them seeing it

Step 3: Find your partner (family member) and explain the challenge (remember to use clear instructions!)

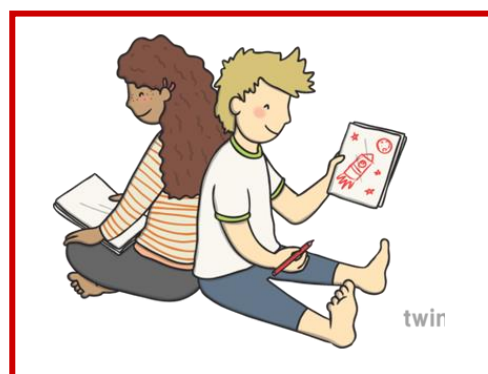
You will need:

- Paper, pencil
- Building bricks or recycled objects

Step 4: Sit somewhere so you can't see what each other is doing! Begin to give your step-by-step instructions for your partner to follow to try and create the same object. You can't look until the end!

Step 5: If they're not sure what you mean, they might ask a question. This is OK but make sure you give clear answers. You might need to explain the step again but in a different way. You might want to check with them at certain points, e.g. 'so by now you should have...'

Step 6: When you've finished, it's time for the big reveal! Show your creations to each other – are they the same? Are they different and if so, why do you think this happened? Why not change places and see if they can give you clear instructions to follow? What did you learn from being in both roles? What might you do differently next time?



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