

## Art drawing games

Choose one of the words below and explain it without using any of the words in the box until your partner guesses which one it is.

abstract/ non-figurative	atelier/ studio	automatic pencil/ mechanical pencil	average
baby word	broadsheet	canvas	caption
charcoal	chisel	comic	cop show
costume drama	couch potato	cubism	dish/ satellite dish
expand/ increase/ rise	expensive/ dear/ prohibitive	glossy	graffiti
ink	negative	paintbrush	palette
pointillism	pop video	portrait/ group portrait	positive
pot/ vase	Roman building/ Roman architecture	sculpture/ statue	semi-abstract
still life	stone	subtitles	sunflowers
tabloid	the box	the seventies	water lilies
weather forecast	wood	your stars/ star signs/ astrology	zapper

Ask your partner about any of the words you don't understand and ask them to explain in English.

Choose one of the things above and draw it until your partner guesses. You can use numbers and symbols but no letters or words

Choose one of the things above and explain its appearance **without mentioning its materials, colour or function** so that your partner can draw it and work out what it is. It might help if you draw it first somewhere your partner can't see and then describe that drawing to them. Things you might want to mention:

- Shape
- Size
- (Usual) direction
- Positions
- Pattern

No pointing or gestures!

*Draw lines across the list below to divide it into categories of language that is useful for describing art.*

Tiny/ Miniscule/ Minute/ Microscopic

Huge/ Massive/ Gigantic/ Enormous

Fairly big

Life-sized

Medium-sized

Pretty small

Standing

Sitting

Lying (down)/ Reclining

Squatting

Leaning

Top right corner

Bottom edge

Right hand side

Centre/ Core

Platform/ Plinth

Stand

Base

Wide/ Width/ Broad/ Breadth

Narrow/ Narrowness

Long/ Length

High/ Height

Thick/ Thickness

Equilateral triangle

Semi-circle

Hourglass

Rectangle/ oblong

Ellipse/ oval/ egg shape

Diamond

Much wider

By far the tallest

A little bit thicker

On

Above

Under

In front of

Opposite

Behind

Near/ Close

Separate/ Distant

Adjacent/ Touching

Next to

Pyramid

Cone

Cut off cone

Tube/ Cylinder  
Spiral/ Helix  
Extended cube  
Hemisphere  
Straight  
Zigzag/ Spiky  
Parallel  
Curve/ Bend  
Wavy/ Wiggly  
Vertical  
Horizontal  
Diagonal  
At ninety degrees/ At right angles  
At forty-five degrees  
Transparent/ Translucent  
Glowing/ Shining/ Emitting light  
Reflective/ Glossy  
Matt  
Leaf  
Pinecone  
Twig  
Bark  
Stone

*Ask your partner and then the teacher to explain any you don't understand. Can you add any more to those categories?*

*Work together to quickly draw each of those things. Label each picture so your teacher can check.*

*Draw something that needs at least three things from the lists to describe and dictate it to your partner until they have drawn it correctly.*

*Choose one of the pictures on the page your teacher gives you that is easy to describe and do so until your partner has produced a reasonable picture of it. It's not a guessing game, so you can mention what it is, its materials and colours etc – but no pointing or gestures!*