

Listening to and following instructions

Activity One:

Two people sit back to back, or without looking at each other. Person 1 draws a simple picture on a piece of blank paper. Person 1 then describes what they have drawn in as much detail as they can. Person 2 listens to the description and follows each part of it, like instructions, to see if they can draw a matching picture without looking at the original. At the end, put the two pictures together and talk about what is the same and what looks different. Swap roles.

Activity Two:

One person is the teacher and the other is the pupil. The pupil has a blank piece of paper. The teacher gives short, clear instructions (one at a time, repeated up to three times but no more) to tell the pupil what to draw or write on their paper. The pupil follows the instructions. At the end, the teacher and pupil go through the instructions together and give a point for each one followed. Swap roles. Who got the most points?

-Here are some example instructions for Activity 2:

- *Write your name at the bottom of the page.*
- *Draw three small circles at the top of the page.*
- *Write your favourite number in the middle of the page.*
- *Draw a box around your favourite number.*
- *Draw four flowers anywhere on your page.*
- *Colour 2 flowers pink.*
- *Colour 2 flowers with blue and purple stripes.*
- *Write your age beside your name.*
- *Underline your name.*
- *Using your favourite colour, draw 6 zig zag lines anywhere on your page.*