

Make this Shape

This activity is for two or more players.

Goal: Give or follow directions that include ordinal vocabulary, shape names, and positional words.

You will need:

- Paper
- Pencil, marker, or crayon



How to play:

- One player gives directions and the other player draws what is described. The player who is giving the directions makes a quick sketch of an image that is composed of shapes. Their partner is not supposed to see this sketch.
- The player giving directions, uses shape names, positional words, and ordinal vocabulary to tell their partner what they should draw to replicate the original sketch.
- The player giving directions should:
 - Describe the image using shape names, indicating each shape's size and orientation, and any other helpful information.
 - Use ordinal words to describe what to draw first, second, next, and last.
 - Use positional words to describe the location of each shape in relationship to other parts of the image.
- The player who is drawing needs to listen very carefully and draw what the other person describes.
- If you were the player who drew, take a step back and examine your drawing. What did you create? Compare it to the original sketch, does it look similar?

To think about:

- If you were the player who drew, did you begin to draw before a complete direction was given? Did this change how the drawing turned out?

Other ways to play:

- This can be a group activity too. One player can give directions for many players to draw.
- Do this activity using three-dimensional objects (e.g., blocks, recycled materials, sticks, leaves, etc.).

