



Drawing Dictations

(ABOUT 40 MINUTES)

Leadership & Responsibility:

Student leaders can effectively speak and listen.

Objective:

Students will be able to create a replica of a diagram with a partner by using effective oral communication skills. Students will be able to discuss effective speaking and listening.

Materials:

Note cards, markers.

Steps:

- Pass out note cards and markers to each student. Ask students to create a diagram with various shapes, lines, letters, and numbers.
- Collect and shuffle cards.
- Next, have students form pairs and sit back to back. Determine Partner A and Partner B.
- Partner A will have a blank paper and markers. Partner B will have a diagram. Partner B should describe the diagram to their partner who will try to draw what they hear. Partner A cannot talk or ask questions.
- Partners then need to compare diagrams and get ready to switch roles. For the second round tell students the person drawing can now talk. Encourage partners to come up with a strategy for getting an accurate drawing. For example, students can decide they will ask each other questions and be more specific.
- Next, hand out a second diagram and have pairs repeat the exercise. Invite pairs to share pictures.
- Allow partners to show their diagrams. Have the whole group discuss their strategies and what helped with their communication.

Personal Reflection:

- Write about a time when you had to use effective speaking skills.
- Write about a time when you had to use effective listening skills.

Group Discussion:

- What helped improve communication from the first to second round? What did each person do differently?
- As leaders in a school community, what can we do to help make sure we are being understood when we speak? What can we do to make sure we understand when we listen?
- What kind of a communicator should a student leader be? Can a student be a quiet, introverted leader?
- What makes a leader an effective communicator?
- Why do you think some students don't voice their opinions and ideas?

Extended Learning:

Students can practice their communication skills by using the ShowMe app and draw or describe a picture. Using the ShowMe app, students can draw a caricature of an effective leader and describe his or her characteristics and communication skills.

Notes
