



Communication Train

Instructions:

1. Participants **line chairs up in a row**, one behind the other.
2. **Draw a picture on paper and show to the last person in each row.** Allow them 15 seconds to really study the picture.
3. When you say “go,” **the last person in each row, using his finger only, “draws” the picture on the back of the person in front of him.** No one is allowed to talk during the process.
4. Everyone in the row does this until the first person in the row has received the drawing on his/her back. **The first person then draws the picture with markers on a sheet of paper.**
5. Drawings are then held up and compared.

Tips for Discussion and Processing:

Discuss individual perceptions and intent. State that often times, the message sent is not the message received. When doing this as a competition, it will usually be messier and less accurate – relate this to the lack of attention to detail when rushing through things.

Title: Communication Train

Group Size: 1 to 50 (8 to 15 participants per train)

Time Needed: 10 to 20 minutes

Goal: To give participants an opportunity to experience different perceptions in communication

Audience: Children, Teens, Couples, Parents, Singles

Special Considerations: This activity can also be done with more than one row of people and made into a competition to see which row draws the fastest and most accurate.

Materials:

- ✓ Two sheets of paper per train
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Chairs