

# SKETCH TALK

**Designed to help 4-H members:**

- Learn how to communicate accurately.
- Become dependable and reliable in your observations.

Has anyone ever given you mixed up instructions or directions? Maybe it was someone trying to tell you how to get to their house? You got the first part okay, but by the time they were done telling you, you were both lost!

Giving clear, concise and careful instructions is something we have been or will be called upon to do. It might be an occasion where you have to describe a highway accident to the police officer who is depending on you to tell him quickly and accurately. Or perhaps it will happen when you have to give instructions to a friend on how to complete a 4-H project.

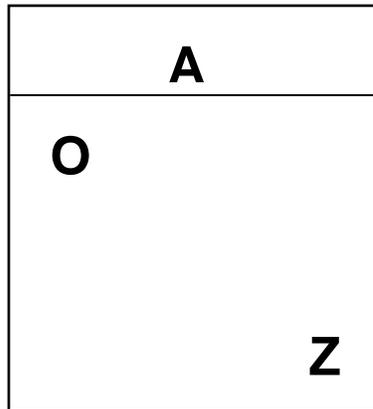
When it does happen, will you be able to respond with clarity and clearness? This activity will help you to develop your ability to communicate accurately and with the confidence that you can be relied upon to do a good job.

You will need to pair up your club members and have a pencil and paper and copies of the instructor's card on the reverse for each pair.

1. In your group, assign one person to be the instructor and one person to be the drawer. Give this practice card to the instructor.
2. Sit back to back. Give the drawer a pencil and a piece of paper.

### To the instructor:

- Look at the drawing below. Your task is to describe this drawing to the drawer without them seeing it. (Note: Make up your own drawing if you wish).
- You are to describe this drawing, using words only. No gestures.
- As you describe the drawing, break it down into easy steps for the drawer to complete.  
e.g.
  1. In the middle of your paper, draw a 2-inch square.
  2. One half inch below the top like of the square you have just drawn, draw a straight line, going from the left edge of the square to the right edge of the square.
  3. Write a capital 'A' just above the line you have drawn, about  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch high and in the middle.
  4. Etc.



- Reverse roles: Have the drawer become the instructor and visa versa. The instructor can make up their own drawing and then describe it to the drawer.
- How did you both do? It can be hard to give accurate instructions. But with practice you will get better!

- Taken from 4-H Speak Pack - a resource available to all 4-H clubs through 4-H Publications