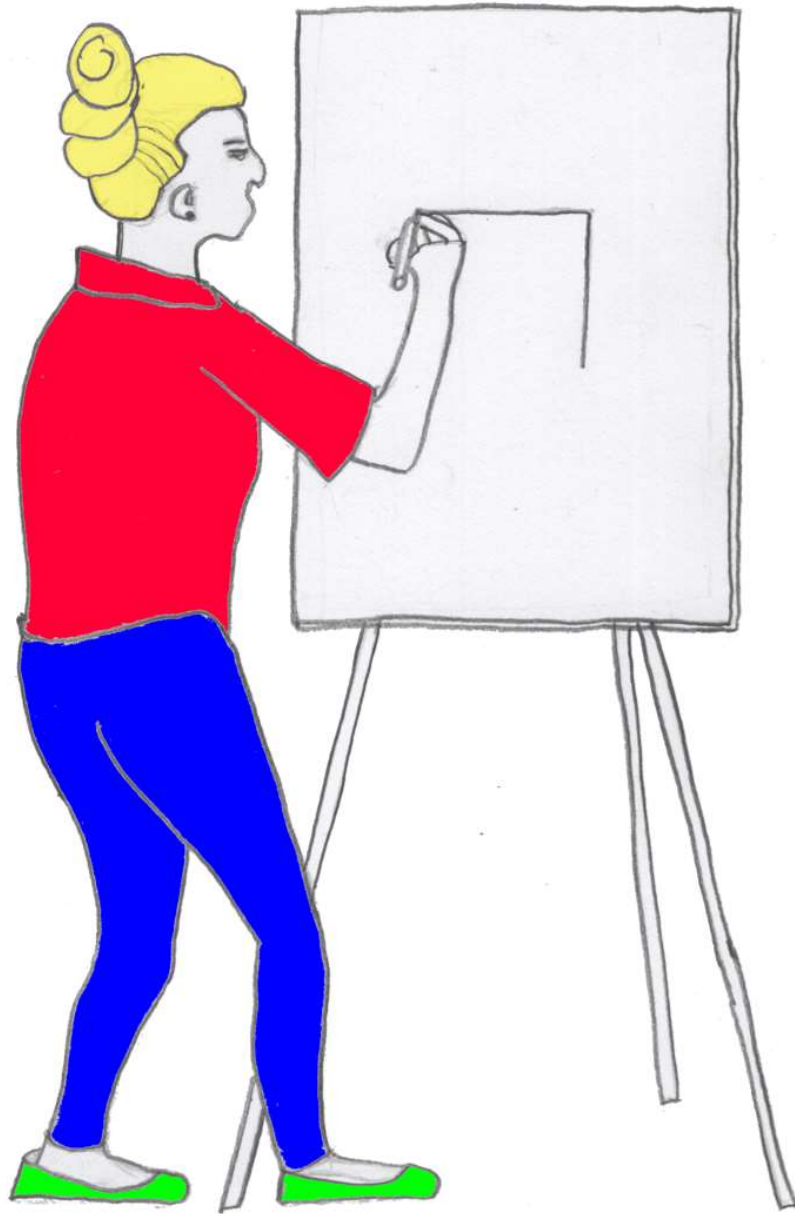


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Summary

A promising artist must practice his or her skill by drawing every day. Drawing Charades is a perfect way to practise. This book has clues for the Pictionary videos on YouTube from example 1 through example 19. Example 20 has additional clues for fun.

A person should go through the clues and see how many he can guess. He then should draw his own clues for the examples and then create examples of his own.

The artist can visit the online references and the YouTube videos as he sees fit. YouTube has clips of Pictionary from the Big Bang Theory, Jimmy Fallon, and Ellen.

This book will inspire a person to add Drawing Charades to his game night. He will increase his artistic skill and say, “I think this is the beginning of something beautiful.¹”

1. The Game

Drawing Charades, Drawing Clues, Art Storming (Artistic Brainstorming), Drawing Up A Storm, Guessing Doodles, Pen-a-Guess, Guess-a-Pen, Figure Guessing, and Guessing Artwork are alternate names to Pictionary.

Every artist should hone their skills through the game of Drawing Charades which was made popular through the game of Pictionary created by a Seattle waiter named Rob Angel. Since 1985, it has had sales of over 38 million in over sixty countries. In 2000, he sold the game to Mattel for \$29 million². The board game is nice, but a homemade version is sufficient. All that is needed is an easel and a whiteboard with its markers and eraser.

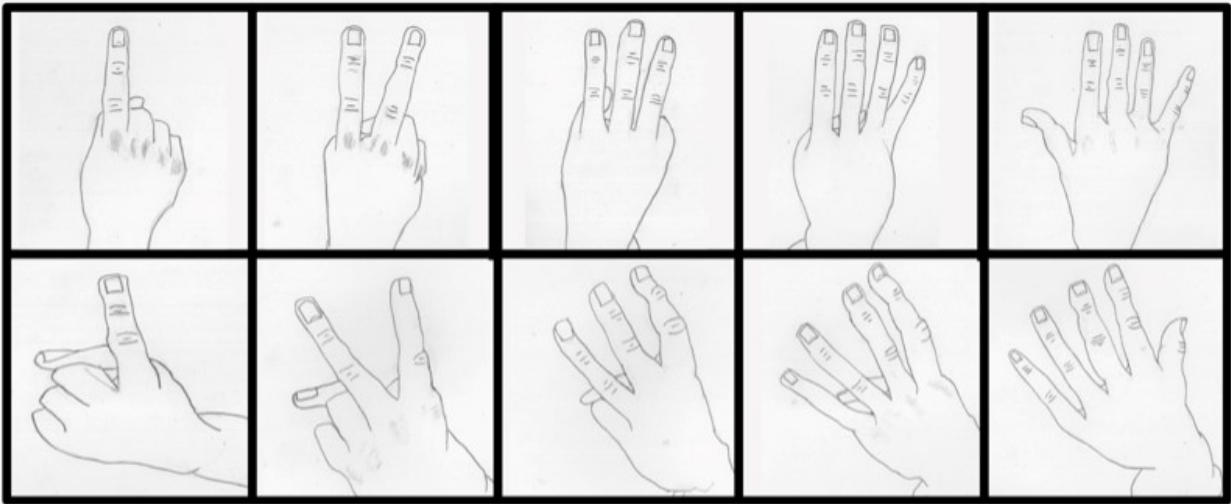
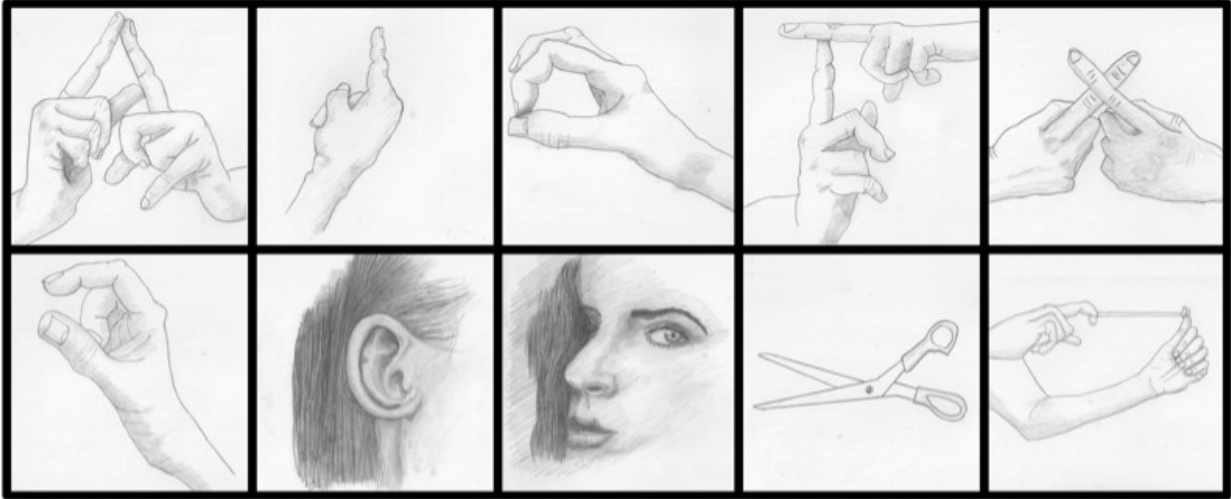
There are two teams who write out items to guess for the other team. One player draws the item for his teammates to guess. Ten possible categories are Person, Place, Animal, Plant, Object, Action, Book, Word or Phrase, Song and Movie.



There can be a timer and the team with the lowest accumulated time wins. Alternatively, there can be a time limit, and the team with the most successes of guessing the item before the time limit wins.

Accumulated time seems to be the better method. Which ever method is used, game night should be both fun and constructive. A noble goal would be to draw quickly yet technically sound. A team could be declared the winner in the time category and artistic skill category. It should go without saying that a horse should not look like a dog and an apple should not look like a tomato.

The key for Pictionary is that all the clues must come from a pen on the white board. Charades³ can be used, but only if the clue is drawn. An ear can be drawn to signify sounds like. Pointing to the nose means correct or on the nose. The number of fingers can give the number of words but if resting in the crook of the opposite elbow gives the number of syllables. A hand can be drawn to signify a small word with an A, I, O or T. A cleaver or pair of scissors can be drawn for a shorter version of the word and an elastic for a longer version. An eye, a finger pointing to the chest or a finger straight up could be “I” or “me.” Fingers in an X could be opposite.



2. Variations

2.1 Sentence Pictionary

Players sit in a circle. Everybody gets a piece of paper and a pencil and writes a sentence at the top⁴.

Everybody passes his paper (to the left). Each player looks at the sentence of the new paper and folds the paper over to hide the sentence. They then draw a (small) picture to describe the sentence.

Each person passes the paper the same way, looks at the picture and hides it. They then write a sentence to describe the picture.

The game ends when the players get their original piece of paper. Scotch tape should be available, and everybody should be told to write small.

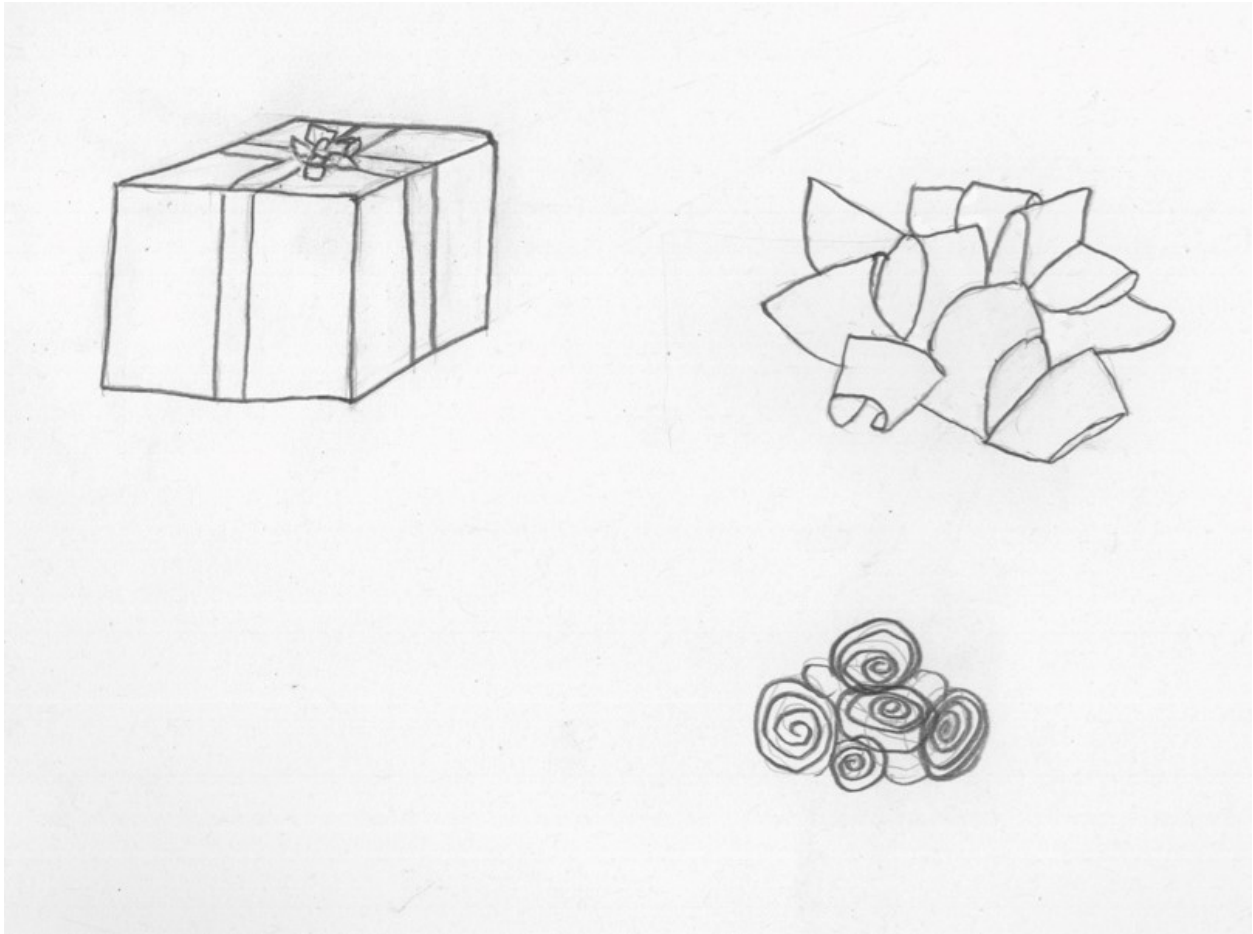
2.2 Drunk Pictionary

This is simply Pictionary, but the drawer is drunk. They simulated a state of intoxication with foggy ski goggles worn by the drawer.

Picky Boys Podcast, Joe Santagato Plays Drunk Pictionary! YouTube, 24,487 views, February 9, 2022, Retrieved February 11, 2022 from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFdvDvrGpyY>

3. Examples

Example 1.1



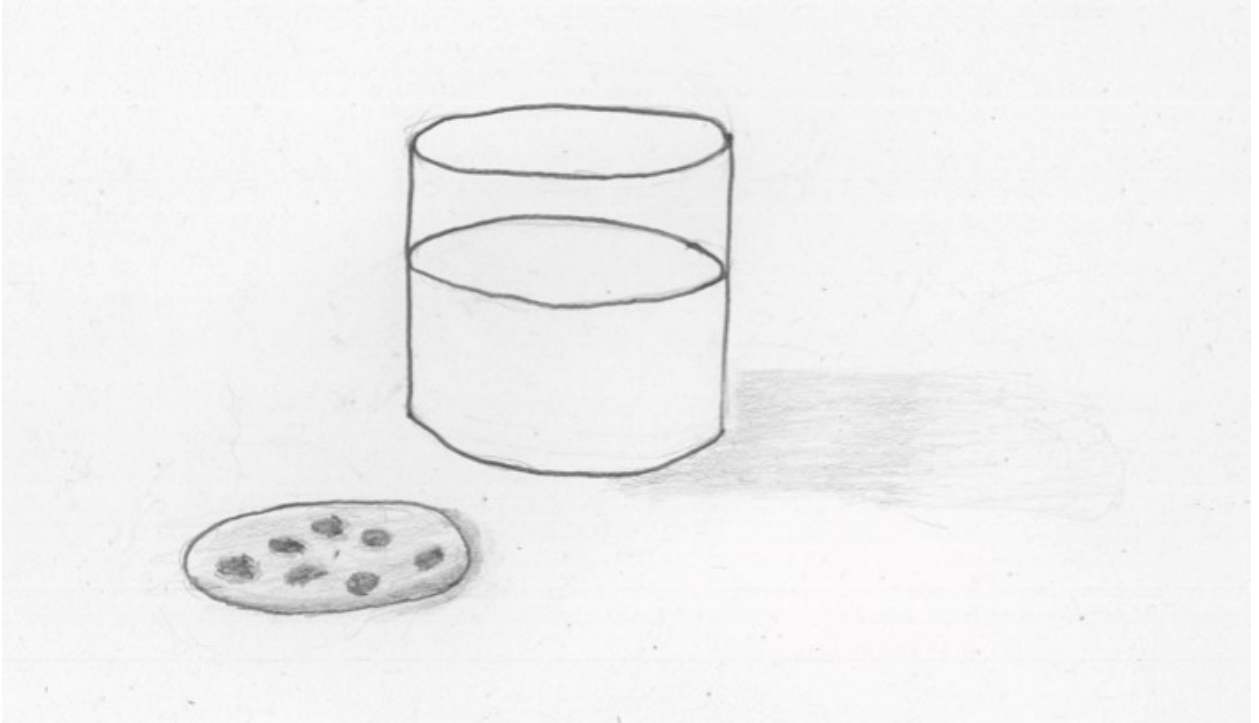
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