# Communication

**Activity:** **Play-Dough Pictionary**
**Audience:** 6th – 8th grades
**Time Required:** Can be adjusted to fit into any time period
**Location:** Any location where participants can work in groups

**Objectives**: Participants will:

- learn the importance of teamwork
- learn the significance of fairness and honesty
- learn to be a good sport
- enhance vocabulary skills

**Life Skills:** Communication, leadership
**Supplies**: Note cards, pen, play-dough

**Overview:** Students create the item shown to them on the "Pictionary" card by the facilitator using only play-dough. Team members guess the Pictionary word by watching the play-dough creation take form.

**Do the Activity:** Divide participants into equal teams (for example, if one has 30 students then 6 teams of five would be ideal) and send to parts of the room an equidistance from the facilitator. Each group elects one person to start the activity. Each group's artist joins the facilitator in the center of the room. The facilitator shows the group representative a card with the word written on it. Each group representative returns to his or her table and begins to create their word using only play-dough. (No talking or hand gestures allowed.)The first group to guess the correct answer wins that round. Rounds can be continued for as many cards as the facilitator has available. Ideally, each person in the group should have an opportunity to be the artist until all players have gone. At that point the facilitator may allow each group to choose their best artist to continue the rest of the rounds. An ideal number of rounds is 10 - 12.

**Reflect and Apply**: Wind up Play-Dough Pictionary with a short discussion.

- Did you enjoy this activity?
- Was it difficult to complete without talking?
- Were you able to use other forms of communication (other than speaking) to get across your message?
- How are communications used in the everyday world you live in?
- What could you apply from this activity to other environments?

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