

Scribble Heads

To explore everyone's comfort level with failure and risk, take them through this ridiculous drawing activity that brings out the worst in everyone! Give each person a permanent marker and a paper plate (must be paper). Ask them to put their plate on their head (curved side down) and draw a picture according to given directions using the marker. They are not to pick up the plate or take it off their heads until the very end. After they have completed the drawing, use the scoring system that follows to determine a winner.



1. Draw a horizontal line to be your grass.
2. On top of the line, draw a square.
3. Turn your square into a house by drawing a triangle roof on top of the square.
4. Draw two square windows and a door inside the square.
5. Draw a sun in the upper-left corner next to the house.
6. Draw a tree to the right of the house on top of the grass.
7. Draw three stick figures standing in the grass below the house.

Scoring

1. 2 points if your house touches the grass.
2. 2 points if your roof touches the house.
3. 1 point for each window that is completely drawn inside the house (no lines overlapping).
4. 2 points for a door that touches the bottom of the house.
5. 1 point if your sun doesn't touch your house.
6. 1 point if your tree touches the grass.
7. 1 point if all three of your stick figures are below the house.

Questions to debrief:

1. How did you feel during this exercise?
2. Did you expect your drawing to be successful?
3. How did you feel when you saw your drawing at the end?
4. How do you typically deal with failure?
5. Did those of you with higher scores feel successful? Why or why not?