

Pictures to Order

Host card | 3-8 players | Approx. 10-15 minutes | 1.0.0

Everyone draws the same spoken instructions, then compares how their pictures differ. Take turns deciding what belongs in the scene.

Bring and set up

One sheet and pencil per player; A flat drawing surface.

Give everyone a blank sheet in the same orientation. Explain that simple shapes and stick figures work well.

Choose a caller for each instruction. Keep all pages visible to their owners; no blindfolds or closed eyes are needed.

How to play

1. The first caller adds one object to the scene. Each player draws it, including the caller.
2. The next caller names a new object and says where it goes in relation to something already drawn. Let everyone finish before continuing.
3. After six instructions, display the pictures. Compare interpretations without awarding a best-looking drawing.

Building a shared scene

"Draw a tree in the middle. Put a bench to its left. Add a kite above the bench." Left means the left side of the paper. If a drawing already fills the space, the artist can use a small symbol or arrow.

Three-part session

1. A park: Begin with a tree in the middle. In turn, add a bench, path, kite, cloud and picnic basket with clear positions.
2. A space station: Begin with a round window. Each caller adds one object and explains where it goes.
3. Players build a place: Agree on a place together. Each person contributes one instruction, then compare the finished scenes.

Offer support

Use fewer objects and let players point to a position while speaking. An adult can model one instruction on a separate sheet.

If something goes wrong

If an instruction is ambiguous, ask the caller to clarify before anybody continues. Different artistic choices are expected and do not need correction.

Finish together

Each artist points to one instruction that produced a surprising difference. Keep the pictures as the group's finished activity.

Party Puzzle Parcel | Free host materials | Adult-led session; time is a planning estimate.

Rules reference: Project Gutenberg 31186; pictures to order. Original modern host instructions.