

## Telestrations

10-15 minutes (use with another activity)

6-8 players with Telestrations game, can use paper and pencils if there are more people coming.

Purpose: This activity tends to create a lot of laughter and is an excellent ice-breaker at parties or before long meetings where you want people to be comfortable with each other. The drawings and interpretations tend to bring out discussion and jokes.

What you will need: The Telestrations game we have in the back closet OR paper and pens for everyone

Instructions:

- Follow the game instructions where possible.

Alternate instructions if you can't use the game:

1. Give each team member a whiteboard/laminated pad OR a piece of paper.
2. Have them pick a noun
  - a. If it's an ODD number of people, they pass the pad immediately after writing the word
  - b. If it's an EVEN number of people, they draw their word first and then pass the pad. Each person then passes the paper to their right.
3. Each team member looks at the drawing they now have, fold the paper in half, and write at the top what they think the picture is of.
4. The paper is passed to the right again. Each person reads the description, folds the paper over to hide the words, and draws a picture of that.
5. This continues, where each pass alternates between determining what the picture was and drawing what was described.
  - a. It is important that each turn only reveals the words or picture from the previous round. Separate sheets or pads of paper may be used if that is easier than one sheet of paper, but they should be passed together,
6. When the paper is back to the original owner, each member reveals what was written and drawn.

Follow Up:

- What does this teach us about communication?
- Why is it difficult to stay consistent from the beginning to the end of the chain?
- What would make it easier?
- How can you use this to improve communication in your work space?