

**Listening exercise 'Make a drawing'**

Module 2

Exercise 2.8

**Aim**

The aim of this exercise is to demonstrate that it is often not enough just to listen with your ears.

**Explanation** (given by a trainer or a participant)

I'm going to ask you to draw a figure. You'd probably like to know what it is, but I'm not going to tell you. Just listen carefully to my instructions and follow them exactly. You may not ask ANY questions while following my instructions.

**Implementation**

Read the instructions clearly. The participants must work on their own and may not look at each other's drawings. They will draw what they hear. They may not ask any questions. Afterwards, show them the drawing of the chicken that you drew beforehand.

1. Draw an oval in the middle of your page.
2. Draw a circle that touches the oval at the top right.
3. Draw a small circle inside the circle that you just drew, a little off centre.
4. Draw three straight, horizontal short lines, equidistant from each other, inside the oval.
5. Draw two short lines, emerging from the right-hand side of the larger circle, that touch each other at the ends, making a kind of triangle.
6. Draw two lines emerging from the left of the oval, more or less in the middle.
7. Draw a line to connect these two lines to each other.
8. Draw three straight lines in the shape that you just created.
9. Draw two lines emerging from the bottom of the oval.
10. Draw another two short lines at the ends of these two lines.

**What is the result of the drawings?**

→ What makes this exercise difficult?

→ It's difficult because you can't check the information you're being given (because you're not allowed to ask any questions).

→ Listening carefully therefore demands more than just the use of your ears; you also have to be able to ask questions, and to check, verify and substantiate the instructions that you heard.