

# How To: Pictionary

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## WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Playing Pictionary with others is meaningful because it fosters creativity and teamwork while providing lots of laughs. The game encourages players to express themselves through drawing and guessing, creating a shared experience that brings people closer together. It's an inclusive activity that's easy for everyone to participate in, promoting a sense of connection and fun as players engage in friendly competition and celebrate each other's imaginative efforts.

## TIME

15+ minute set up. Unlimited play.

## MATERIALS

- A list of words or phrases (you can create your own or use an online Pictionary generator)
- Paper and pens or a digital drawing tool (like a whiteboard app)
- A group of friends or family members to play with on a video call OR in person



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Set Up the Video Call (optional):** Choose a video call platform that everyone can use (Zoom, Google Meet, or Skype). Share the meeting link with everyone who's playing. Make sure everyone has their camera on and is ready to draw.
2. **Explain the Rules:** One person will draw a word or phrase from the list without using any letters or numbers. The others will try to guess what it is. Set a timer for each round (like 1-2 minutes) to keep the game moving. No talking or gestures allowed while drawing—just the picture!
3. **Pick the First Drawer:** Choose who will go first. They'll pick a word or phrase from the list or use a random generator. The drawer should keep the word or phrase secret from the other players.
4. **Start Drawing:** The drawer starts drawing the word or phrase on their paper or digital whiteboard. The other players watch and try to guess what's being drawn.
5. **Guess and Guess Again!** Players shout out their guesses while the drawer continues drawing. If someone guesses correctly, the drawer confirms it, and that person gets a point (or just the satisfaction of being right!).
6. **Pass the Turn:** Once the word is guessed or time runs out, it's the next person's turn to draw. Repeat steps 3-5 until everyone has had a chance to draw.
7. **Celebrate and Have Fun:** At the end of the game, celebrate the funniest drawings and most creative guesses. You can award fun titles like "Best Drawer" or "Quickest Guesser" for extra laughs.

## RESOURCES

- How to use Zoom: [Getting started guide for new users](#)
- How to use Google Meet: [Start or schedule a Google Meet video meeting - Android](#)
- How to use Apple Facetime: [Make FaceTime calls on iPhone - Apple Support \(CA\)](#)
- How to use Skype: [How do I get started with Skype? - Microsoft Support](#)
- How to use Microsoft Teams: [Get started with Microsoft Teams](#)
- Pictionary category generator: [Pictionary Generator](#)

## SUPPORTS NEEDED

Some individuals may need assistance in setting up the video call and operating the technology.

## OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

Example Words/Phrases to Draw:

- Objects: Bicycle, pizza, umbrella
- Animals: Dog, lion, fish
- Actions: Running, reading, sleeping
- Places: Beach, park, school

Encourage exaggerated and silly drawings to make guessing more entertaining. Use a mix of easy and challenging words to keep the game interesting. Make sure everyone has a chance to draw and guess, so everyone gets involved.