



# Fast Draw Word Game

This is the home-made version of Pictionary. It's a great way to improve your children's drawing abilities, brain speed and communication skills, as well as being an exhilarating, competitive, fun game that the whole family can enjoy.

## What you'll need:

- a set of home-made clue cards (use index cards or the reverse of old business cards. Write the name of an object on one side of each card. The objects can be as simple or as complicated as you wish dependent on your players' ages and abilities. This is what each person needs to draw.)
- pens or pencils
- small sheets of paper or small notebooks
- a stopwatch or egg timer

## How to play:

Divide the players into teams (of two or more people). Gather around a table with the clue cards face-down in the centre. Team one chooses their first player to be the 'drawer'. The drawer chooses a card (without showing it to anybody else) and then draws something that visually represents the word shown on that card. The other team members have to guess what the object is. Set a time limit for this (the faster, the more exciting!). If the rest of the team members guess correctly before the time runs out, that team wins a point. If time runs out and nobody in the team has guessed what the object is, the other team/s can have a go to win that point. Alternate turns between teams and turns within teams of drawers and guessers. The enthusiasm of this guessing game is contagious—make it clear that if someone from the resting team yells out the right answer by accident, the drawing team still receives the point. You may wish to have more than one word on each card (giving the drawer a choice), or to categorise and colour code your cards just like the real thing. Make new clue cards regularly to keep the game lively.

