

Partner Pictionary - a video-conference game

Objective: Collaborate with a partner to illustrate a word.

Game structure

- Two people work together as partners to draw one picture representing a secret word.
 - The secret word can be selected by a [random word generator](#) or assigned by the game facilitator.
 - The partner who finds the word must share it confidentially with their partner (text or private chat).
 - When the clock starts, both partners draw while the audience tries to guess the word.
 - The audience may call out the word orally or write on a group chat.
- The total time limit for one game is 60 seconds.
 - Partners both draw on the screen at the same time.
 - To make clear that both partners draw, each should use a different color.
- Pause between games to strategize.

Rules

1. Partners may not communicate the word in any way except by their drawing.
2. The drawing may not have any words, letters, or numbers.
3. Both partners must draw before the audience guesses the word.
4. Each partner draws with a different color so it is clear both contribute to the picture.
5. Partners may not give any hints.
6. The audience must guess the word before the time limit is up.

Scoring points

- If the audience guesses the secret word within 60 seconds, everyone earns the point.
 - Because the partners and audience are working together, the score belongs to everyone.
- If they don't guess the word, no one gets a point.
- Add up all the scores from each round.

Winning

- If the combined scores improve each round, everyone wins together.
 - If the scores don't improve, everyone loses together.
- Play enough games so everyone has at least two turns as a partner.
 - One round is finished after everyone has been a partner at least once.

You can play this game on any video conference platform that allows two people to draw together such as Google Draw or Zoom.

If you are using Zoom, the host opens the whiteboard. Both partners need to open "view options" and click on "annotate" before they can draw together. See screenshot below:

