



BACK TRACING

Number of players: 8+

Space: Room for line[s]

Materials needed: None

Procedure:

Players stand in a line, one in front of the other. On the upper back of the last player in the line, trace a simple and recognizable figure [a letter, number, short word, geometric shape, etc.]. That player then traces the figure on the back of the next person in line, etc. The figure will eventually reach the first person in the line who will either say or mime what he or she thinks the figure was.

Possible side coaching:

- “Try to visualize the information you are receiving.”
- “Concentrate on passing on what you received as exactly as possible.”

Variations:

Divide large groups into several lines and play simultaneously. For similar activities, see Telephone and Visual Telephone.

Processing points:

- What did each of you think the figure was when you received it?
- How did the figure change as it passed through the line?
- What does this activity have to do with communication?

Possible learning areas:

The communication process, individual perceptions, visual thinking