

## About These Activities . . .

We have attempted here to present entertaining challenges that “invite” older children into the fun of expressing themselves through art.

In Draw Something (1), they will have eight little drawings to make, featuring an opposites theme. Here are four of them: “Draw something that might get hurt if you stepped on it.” “Draw something that might hurt you if it stepped on you.” “ Draw something that hardly makes a sound.” “ Draw something that makes a very loud sound.”

Then there is the activity called Frontwards, Backwards where we present kids with six shapes they must draw backwards, as if they were reflected in a mirror.

In another challenge, perhaps a bit more rigorous, we give students a list of eight things and ask them to make a drawing of just one of them. The eight things are lawn mower, eggbeater, bicycle, tractor, car, train engine, helicopter, and sewing machine. We also deliver a hint that should make the assignment easier. We say, “Make a drawing of the thing you know most about.”

How many cars and bicycle drawings will there be? How few drawings of sewing machines will there be?

As you can probably tell, these 15 drawing assignments go in many unexpected directions.