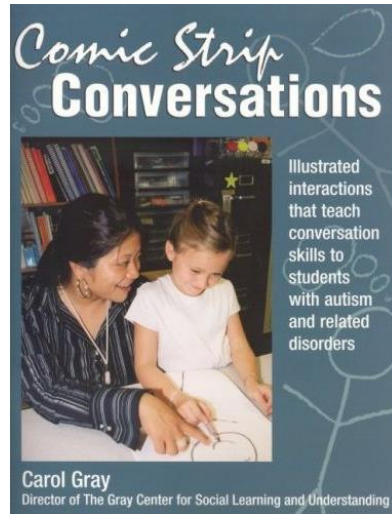
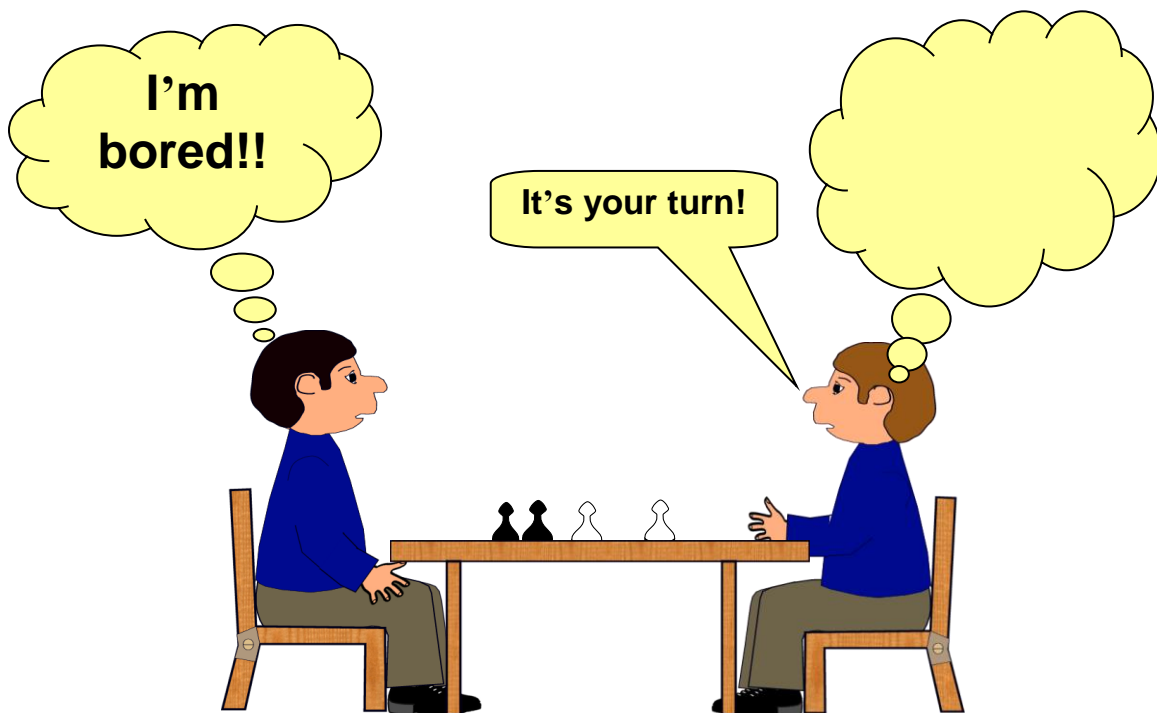


Comic Strip Conversations



Talking with Pictures



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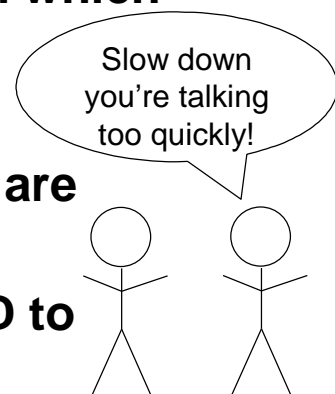
What is a Comic Strip Conversation?

- A conversation between two or more people which incorporates the use of simple drawings.
- Based on the notion that visual supports may improve the individual's understanding and comprehension of conversation.



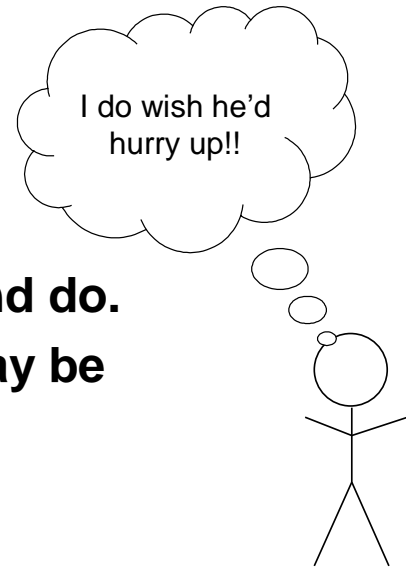
What is a Comic Strip Conversation?

- The drawings illustrate an ongoing communication:
 - Helping individuals to understand the quick exchange of information which occurs in conversations.
 - Illustrating social skills which are abstract and difficult for students with ASD to understand.



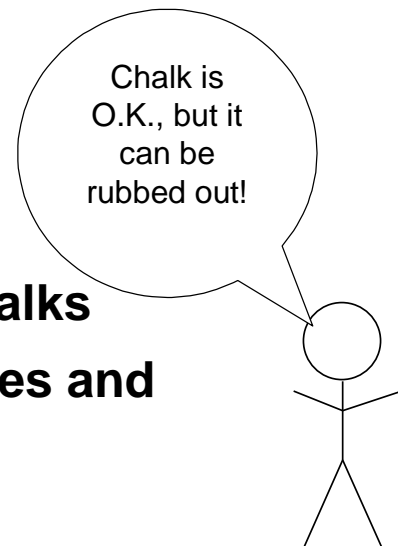
What is a Comic Strip Conversation?

- They help to:
 - Report the past.
 - Describe the present.
 - Plan for the future.
 - Identify what people say and do.
 - Emphasise what people may be thinking or feeling.



Materials

- Decide which drawing and writing materials you wish to use before you start.
- These can include:
 - White boards / markers
 - Paper / pencil / pens
 - Chalkboards / coloured chalks
 - All of these have advantages and disadvantages.

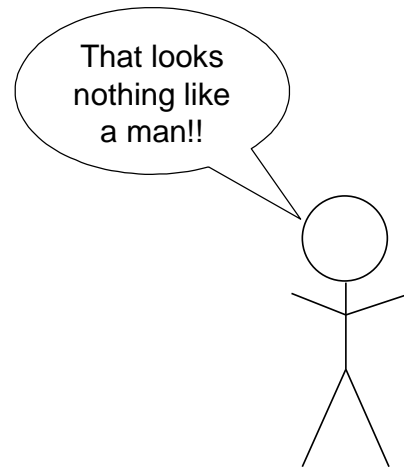


Procedure

- Practice having a **Comic Strip Conversation** with someone first.

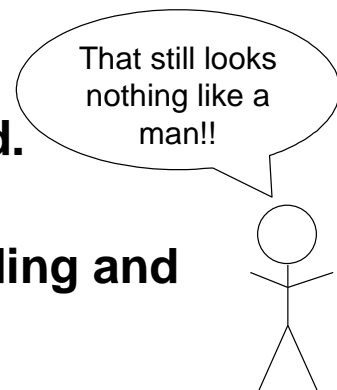
– This should minimize:

- **Self consciousness**
- **Clumsiness**
- **Uncertainty**



Procedure

- **Demonstrate that drawing while talking is ok.**
- **Let the student take the lead.**
- **Encourage the student to write / draw / talk for majority of the time.**
- **Guide without assuming the lead.**
- **Assist the student in understanding and expressing ideas in conversation.**



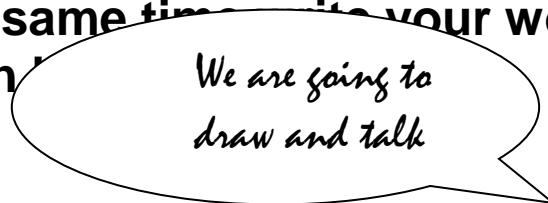
Procedure

- Initially use an ‘interview’ format.
- Ask or write questions.
- Encourage the student to write / draw / talk in return.
- Gradually work towards a format more like a conversation.



Procedure

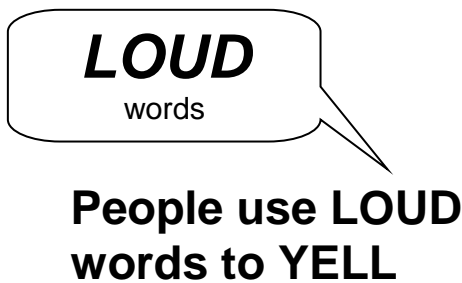
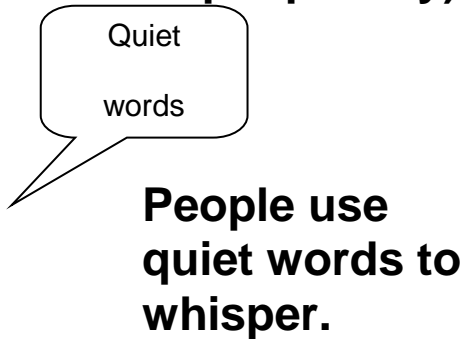
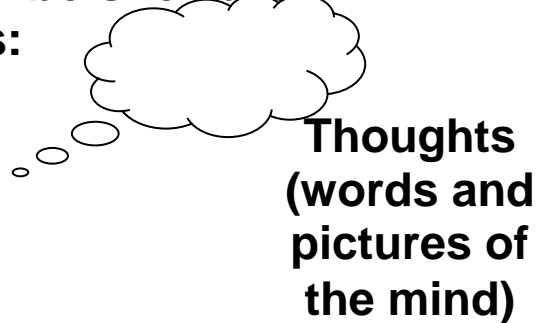
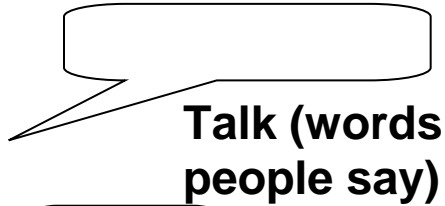
- Introduce the activity:
 - E.g.. “We are going to draw and talk .”
- At the same time write your words inside a speech bubble



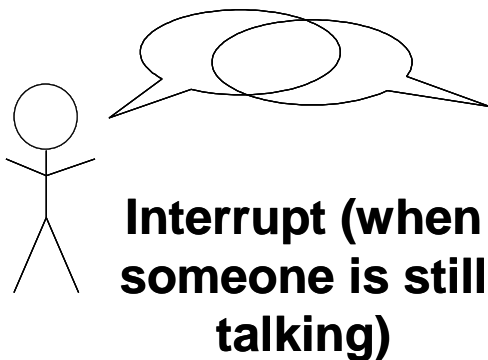
- Ask the student what they would like to draw and write about.

The Conversation Symbols Dictionary

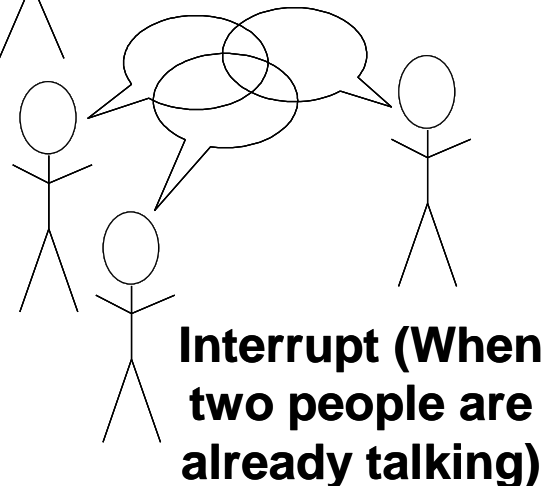
- This includes eight symbols for basic conversation concepts:



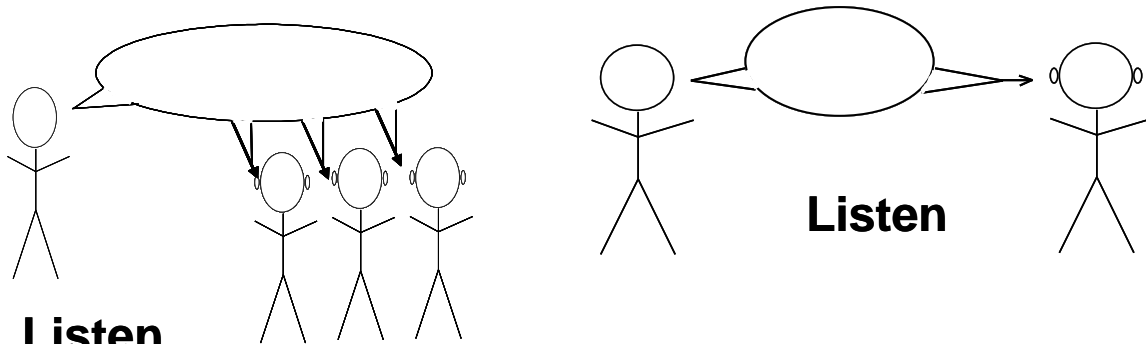
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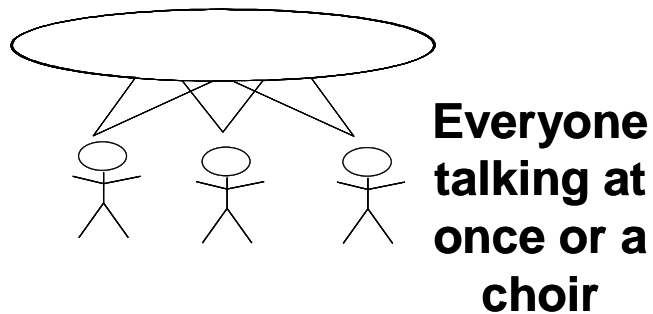
When my words bump into words from other people.



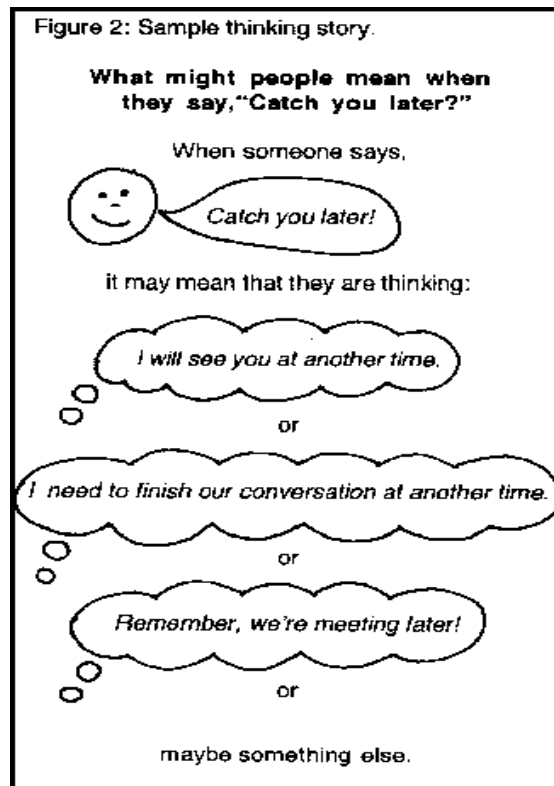
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(as part
of a
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Comic Strip Conversations



CONVERSATION COLOURS

- **Green:** good ideas, happy, friendly.
- **Red:** bad ideas, teasing, anger, unfriendly.
- **Blue:** sad, uncomfortable.
- **Brown:** comfortable, cosy.
- **Purple:** proud.
- **Yellow:** frightened.
- **Black:** facts, things we know.
- **Orange:** questions.
- **Combinations of colours:** confused.

Con**f**u**s**ion must be sort of like two or more colours at one time. Like red and blue, or green, yellow and black, but mostly orange. I think confusion should have orange painted over it.