

Projective Drawings: Administration Instructions

Seating: The subject is seated in a comfortable chair across from a flat and clear working surface. The experimenter is seated to the side of the subject, as opposed to across from the subject.

I. House-Tree-Person

(1) House: Present a piece of plain, white 8.5x11-inch paper at an angle to the subject and say:
“Here I want you to draw a house as good as you can.”

Use these questions as a guide:

- Who lives here?
- Are they happy?
- What goes on inside?
- What’s it like at night?
- Do people visit here?
- What else do the people in the house want to add to the drawing?

(2) Tree: Present a piece of plain, white 8.5x11-inch paper at an angle to the subject and say:
“Here I want you to draw a tree as good as you can.”

Use these questions as a guide:

- What kind of tree is this?
- How old is it?
- What season is it?
- Is it a healthy tree?
- Has anyone tried to cut it down?
- Who waters the tree?
- Trees need sunshine to live, so does it get enough sunshine?

(3) Person: Present a piece of plain, white 8.5x11-inch paper at an angle to the subject and say:
“I want you to draw a person as well as you can.”

If they draw a profile, head only, or stick figure, say:

“Wait, I want you to draw a *whole* person, not just the [head, profile, or stick figure].”

Use these questions as a guide:

- Who is the person?
- How old are they?
- What’s their favorite thing to do?
- What’s something they don’t like?
- Who looks out for them?
- What are they thinking?
- What are they feeling?

II. Draw-A-Person-In-The-Rain

Present a piece of plain, white 8.5x11-inch paper at an angle to the subject and say:

“I want you to draw a person standing in the rain.”

If they draw a profile, head only, or stick figure, say:

“Wait, I want you to draw a *whole* person, not just the [head, profile, or stick figure].”

****Alternative instructions:**

“I want you to draw a person in the rain with an umbrella. Be sure to draw all three parts: the person, the rain, and the umbrella.”

Use these questions as a guide:

- Who is the person?
- How old are they?
- What’s their favorite thing to do?
- What’s something they don’t like?
- Who looks out for them?
- What are they thinking?
- What are they feeling?

III. Kinetic Family Drawing

Present a piece of plain, white 8.5x11-inch paper at an angle to the subject and say:

“Here I want you to draw you and your family all doing something together. It can be anything you want.”

Use these questions as a guide:

- *Do they get along?
- Who is the person?
- How old are they?
- What’s their favorite thing to do?
- What’s something they don’t like?
- Who looks out for them?
- What are they thinking?
- What are they feeling?