

## Potpourri

On videotape, you will see six minialogues in which one signer identifies an object. Notice that the amount and kind of description depend on why the signer is describing the object, and on the other person's familiarity with it.\*

### Minialogue 1

*Tina Jo:* asks what lopping shears are

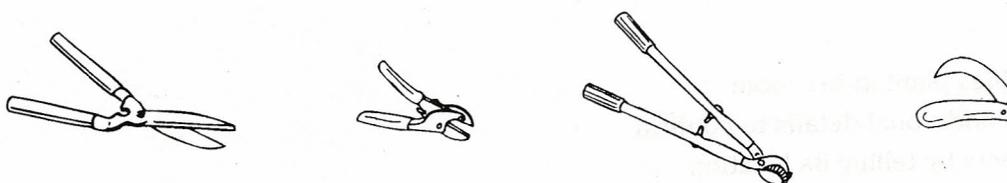
*Mary:* tells what they are used for

*Tina Jo:* describes object to confirm

*Mary:* corrects, tells how the two shears are different

*Tina Jo:* responds (somewhat familiar)

Circle the illustration below that matches the description of lopping shears. Then cross out the illustration that matches the description of the other shears.



### Minialogue 2

*Ramona:* describes object, asks if familiar

*Dan:* responds affirmatively (very familiar)

*Ramona:* asks what it's called

*Dan:* spells out name of object

*Ramona:* responds

Name the object Ramona describes: \_\_\_\_\_

### Minialogue 3

*Cinnie:* explains what her husband gave her for her birthday

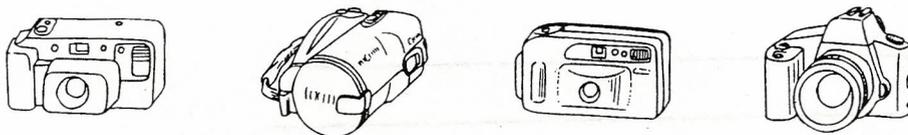
*Ethan:* asks for more description

*Cinnie:* gives additional details

*Ethan:* responds (quite familiar), gives opinion

*Cinnie:* responds

Circle the illustration below that matches the description of the camera Cinnie received from her husband.



\* When describing an object to identify it, describe as much as necessary until the other person acknowledges s/he knows what you mean. Sometimes the listener will recognize the object you mean after one or two details; other times further description is needed.

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**Minidialogue 4**

*Ivanetta:* identifies food dish (chicken fajitas)

*Priscilla:* responds (very familiar)

*Ivanetta:* asks how to make it

*Priscilla:* explains process of making it

*Ivanetta:* responds

Name the ingredients Priscilla uses to make chicken fajitas:

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**Minidialogue 5**

*Steve:* identifies plant in bedroom

*Shane:* gives additional details to confirm

*Steve:* corrects by telling its location

*Shane:* responds, gives additional details to confirm

*Steve:* confirms, asks favor

*Shane:* agrees

*Steve:* responds

How are the two plants different from each other?

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**Minidialogue 6**

*Lon:* asks what needlepoint is

*Carlene:* gives definition by how it looks

*Lon:* asks if it is similar to rug hooking

*Carlene:* corrects, contrasts needlepoint with rug hooking

*Lon:* responds

What are two differences between needlepoint and rug hooking?

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Answers on p. 145.

Now go back and watch the dialogues again and try to imitate the descriptions.