

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

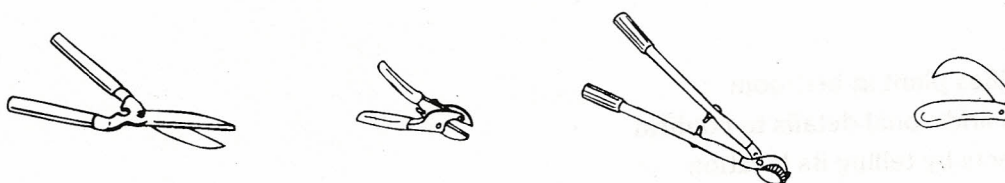
Mary: tells what they are used for

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

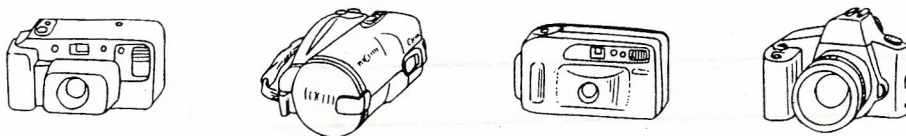
Ethan: asks for more description

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:

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?

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?

Answers on p. 145.

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