



# Mysterious Paper

Communication

## Objectives

- To demonstrate how a group of people can hear exactly the same message, but have different interpretations.

Supplies: one bandana and one sheet of letter size paper for each participant (bandana is optional)

Instructions: Each participant is given a sheet of paper and instructed to either put on a blindfold or close their eyes. They are not to speak, peek or ask questions. Just listen and follow instructions.

1. Pick up the paper
2. Fold the paper in half
3. Turn the paper once, to the right
4. Tear off the bottom left corner
5. Fold the paper in half
6. Turn the paper twice to the right
7. Tear off the top left corner
8. Turn the paper once to the left
9. Tear off the bottom left corner
10. Turn the paper upside down
11. Tear off the upper right corner
12. Open your eyes; unfold the paper and see how it compares to others.

## Facilitator Notes



Reflection:

- Did everyone hear the same instructions?
- Why do the papers not all look the same?
- Who has the correct paper?