

The Draw Squad's TEN KEY WORDS OF DRAWING

These Ten Key Words can be successfully combined to create the illusion of three-dimensional drawing.

This method, which has worked tremendously well in my classrooms, teaches the students fundamental drawing skills in a structured format to ensure success. I've found that the "idea launch" or the "extra button" is the motivator in getting students to use the Ten Key Words without copying my illustrations. This helps each student develop his or her own style of skilled visual expression.

Foreshortening

Distorting objects or parts of an object to create the illusion that one edge is actually closer to your eye.



Shading

Adding darkness to a surface that is opposite an imaginary light source adds depth to your drawing.



Surface

Drawing objects or parts of an object lower on the surface of the paper makes them appear closer (with the exception of objects in space i.e. birds, clouds etc.).



Size

Generally, objects drawn larger will look closer, except when overlapping.



LESSON 1

Warm-up

All right, we've covered the basics: why drawing is important, how this book will teach you to draw, what to watch for, and the pre-test. Now, all we need to do is to get that pencil blasting across your paper in 3-D! Fuel up your "pencil power" by shaking out your drawing hand vigorously and wiggling your fingers for 15-30 seconds. It may look silly, but it's an important loosening-up exercise before each lesson. I call it DRAWERCIZE. (Thanks Judi Sheppard-Misset). Just as athletes stretch their muscles before working out, we artists warm up our drawing hands! Ready...Set...Go!

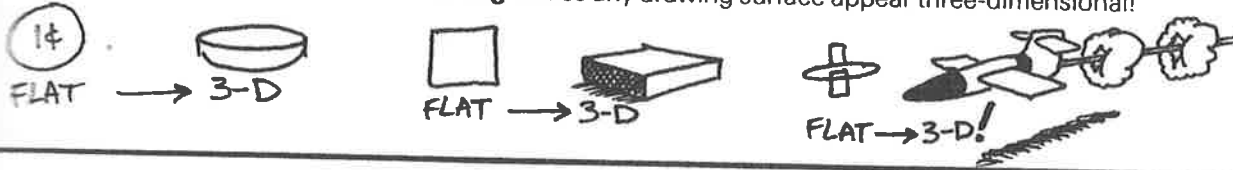


Key Drawing Word: Foreshortening

When you draw in 3-D, you create a visual illusion. By distorting images you make them appear three-dimensional even though your drawing surface is flat.

Foreshortening makes one part of an object appear closer than another. To understand this, take a coin between your thumb and index finger. Hold it directly toward you so it forms a circle. Now, tilt the coin away from you until it looks like this:

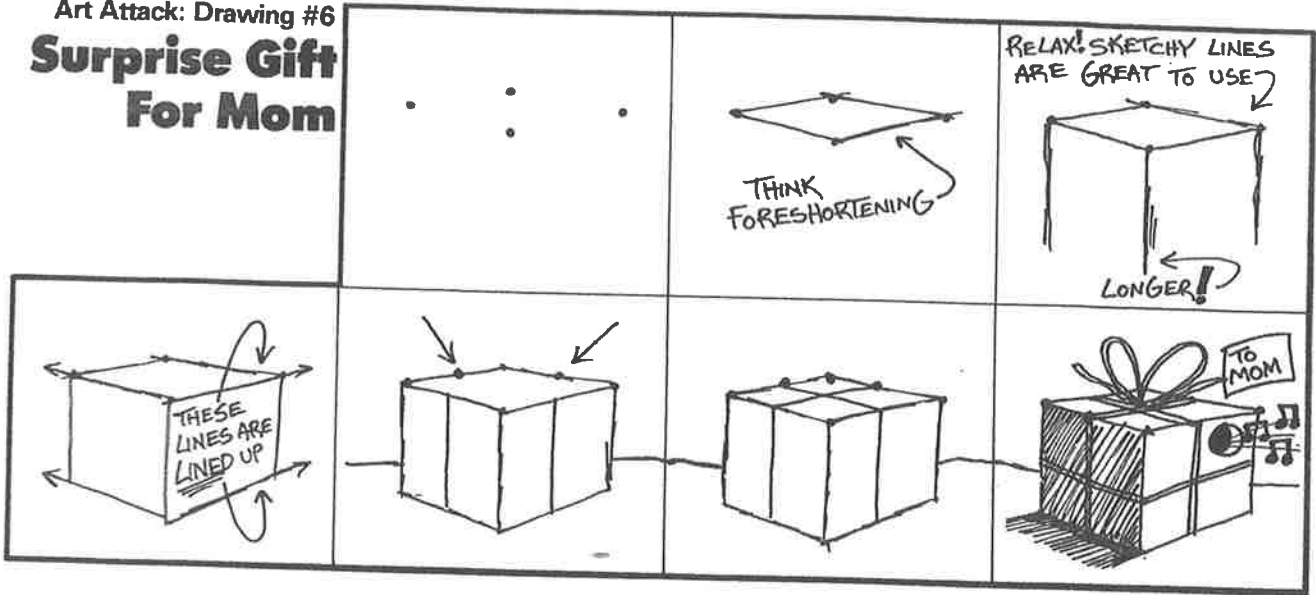
Look at a **foreshortened** circle! **Foreshortening** makes any drawing surface appear three-dimensional!



Art Attack: Drawing #1

Happy Birthday Cake

Art Attack: Drawing #6
Surprise Gift For Mom

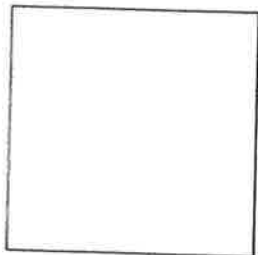


**The Bruce McIntyre Achievement Scale
 Level 1**



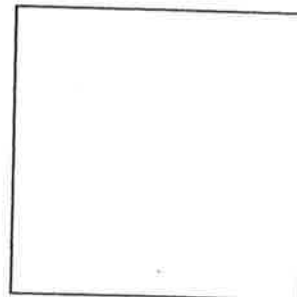
The Termite Club

Let's measure how much you have learned in just one easy lesson. Draw this simple table (below) three times. Now, have a friend time you. When you can draw it in 30 seconds, you'll be an official member of the Termite Club! There are only 29 more levels to go...Draw! Draw! Draw!



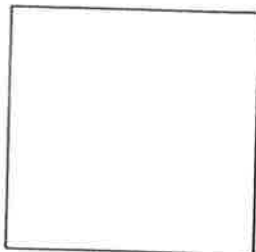
Trial Run #1

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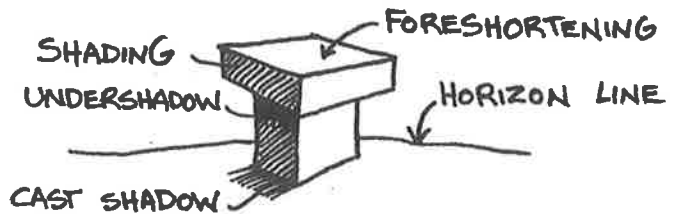
Club Entry

Time:



Trial Run #2

Time:



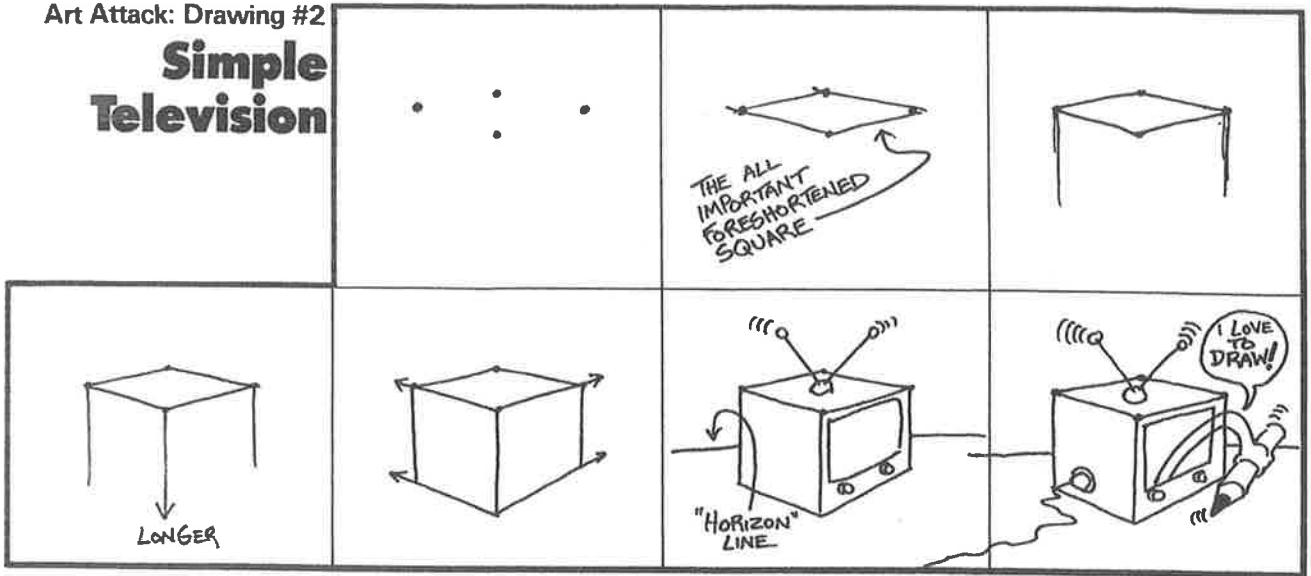
Without knowing it, you're practicing many important ideas, some of which we haven't even discussed yet!

CONGRATULATIONS! You've drawn Level 1 in under 30 seconds! Now you can join the Draw Squad! Mail your drawing into me for your official Draw Squad Club Card.

Check off your progress on the achievement chart!

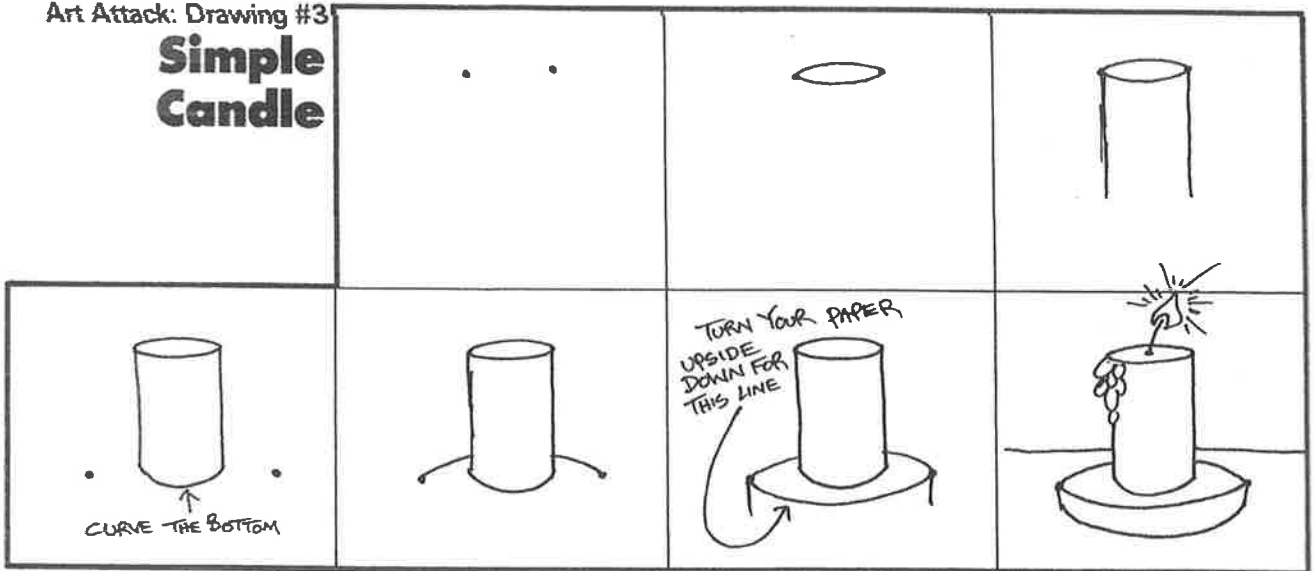
Art Attack: Drawing #2

Simple Television



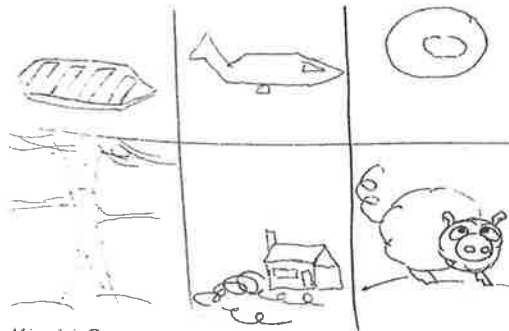
Art Attack: Drawing #3

Simple Candle

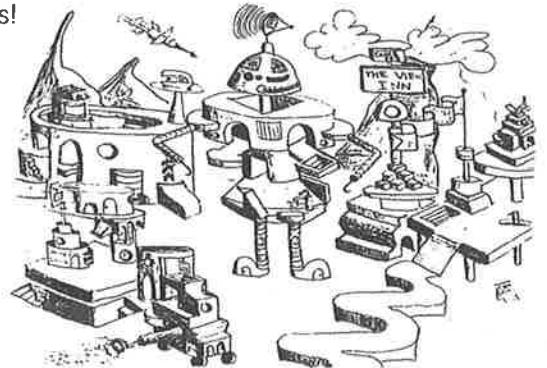


Motivator!

Here are two of over 144,000 drawings that I have collected. When you understand the Ten Key Drawing Words, you will experience the same kind of results!



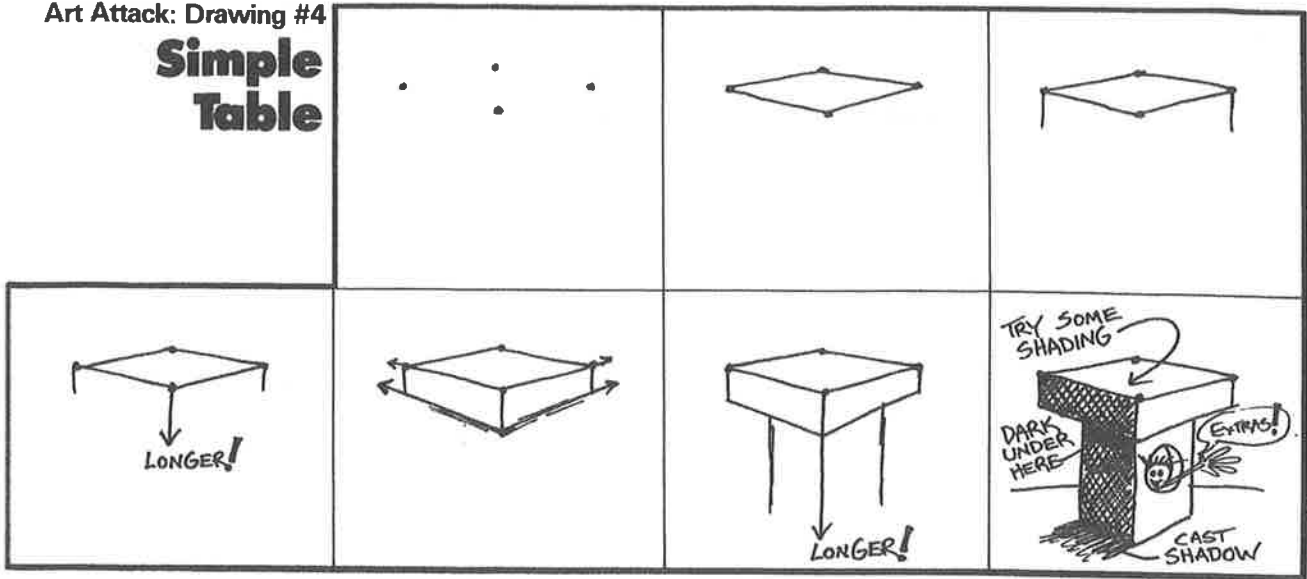
Kimbi Swensruce
Age 11
Pre-Test



Kimbi
After 14 lessons

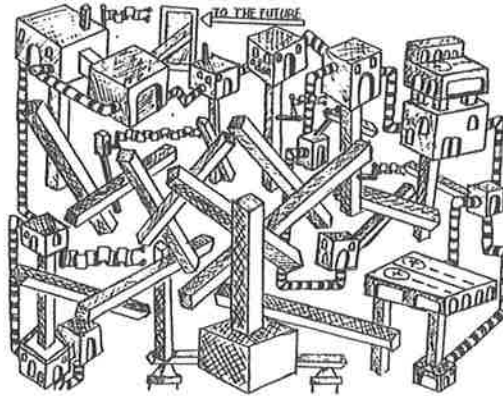
Art Attack: Drawing #4

Simple Table



Student Gallery

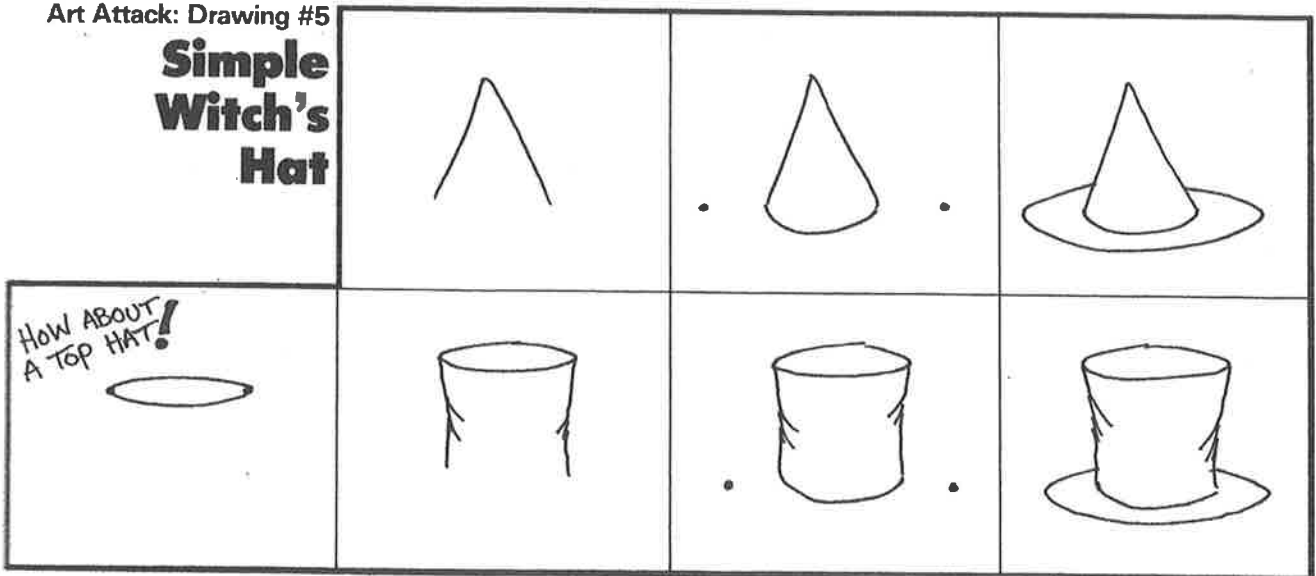
Isaac Burns, age 12
Riverside, IA



Well? Aren't you having a blast? I told you drawing was easy. We'll start with these simple exercises, but after just a few lessons you'll be drawing complex pictures. Take a peek at "Draw Squad" Lesson #13!

Art Attack: Drawing #5

Simple Witch's Hat



Draw Squad Drawsheet

Review

Drawing in 3-D is the distortion of an object on a flat surface, creating the illusion of depth. Use **foreshortening** to pull one edge of an object closer to you.

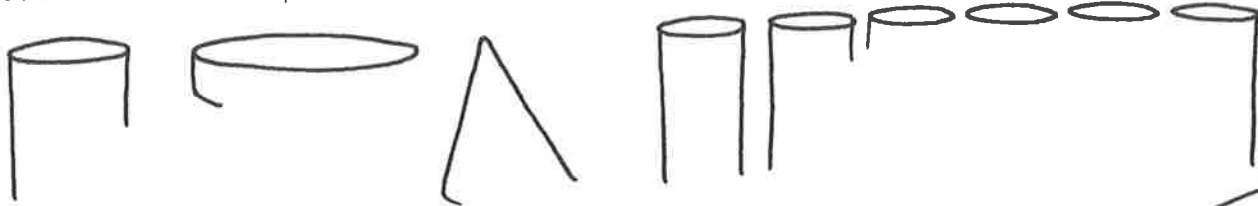
Complete the **foreshortened** circles.



Complete the **foreshortened** squares. Use your guide dots!



Add bottoms to these shapes. Curve them a lot.



Draw the ribbon. Watch your angles!



Wrap-up

Every component of the lesson builds your drawing skills. Be sure to follow each step of every lesson. I'll list the components we've learned in this lesson and you'll recall the exercise. Ready? What is lesson 1's key word? What is the success level?

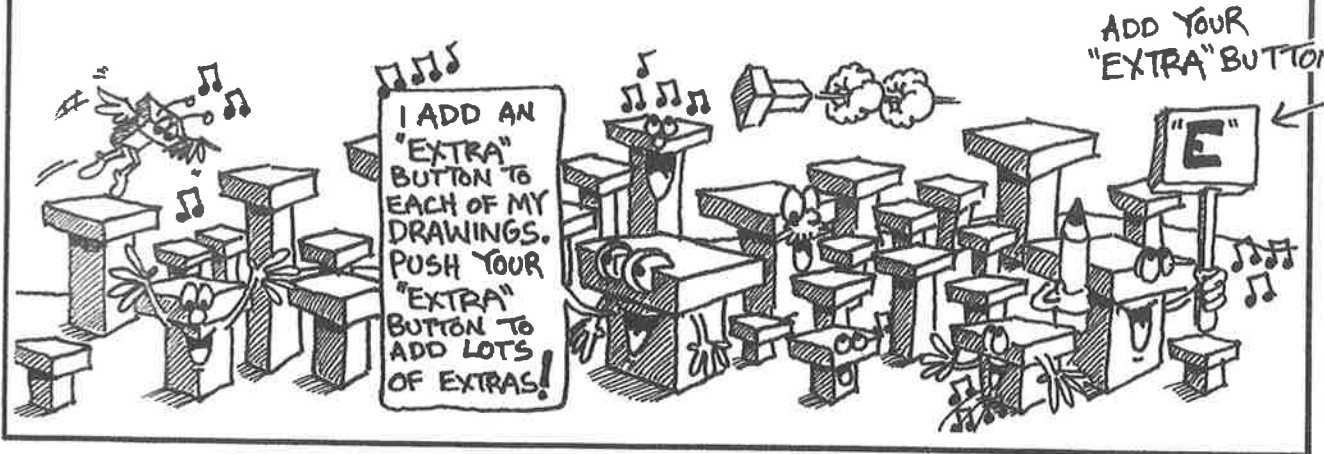
Answers: 1. Foreshortening 2. The Termite Club

TO DO: Mail me your "Termite Level" drawing. Send a drawing to your grandma. Tell her I said hello!

Drawing Contest #1: "Termite Opera"

Here's your chance to really let your imagination go! See if you can break Draw Squad member Katherine Wingfield's record of 300 single simple tables on one page. The point is to practice **foreshortening** hundreds of times while having fun! Once your page is full, push the "extra" button. Add dozens of extras! Do you see what is beginning to happen? You're building skill with the key word, then enhancing it with your imagination!

HINT: Begin by drawing tables at the bottom of your page. Then, work your way back into the distance. Add extras! Some small, some tall, some short, some fat....



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