

## II. Verbal Communication Activities

### 1. Drawing Bugs (directions and picture included)

### 2. Taboo (board game)

"**Taboo** is a word guessing party game published by Hasbro in 1989. The object of the game is for a player to have his/her partner(s) guess the word on his/her card without using the word itself or five additional words listed on the card."  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taboo\\_\(game\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taboo_(game)) retrieved April 7, 2010

#### Rules for Clues

- No form or part of ANY word printed on the card may be given as a clue. Examples: If the Guess word is PAYMENT, "pay" cannot be given as a clue. If DRINK is a Taboo word, "drunk" cannot be given as a clue. If SPACESHIP is the Guess word, you can't use "space" or "ship" as a clue.
- No gestures may be made. Examples: You can't form your hand in the shape of a gun to clue for "shoot"; or point to your nose to clue for "beak."
- No sound effects or noises may be made, such as explosions or engine noises. However, feel free to break out into song.
- You cannot say the Guess word "sounds like" or "rhymes with" another word.?
- No initials or abbreviations can be given if the words they represent are included on the card. Examples: MD cannot be used if MEDICAL or DOCTOR is the Guess word or a Taboo word. TV cannot be used if TELEVISION is the Guess word or a Taboo word.

From <http://www.centralconnector.com/GAMES/taboo.html> retrieved April 7, 2010

You could buy the game or create examples connected to work.

#### Example:

Guess Word: Interview

Taboo Words: Job, Questions, Answers, Candidate, Conversation

## III. Verbal Communication Discussion

- What are the different aspects of Verbal Communication?
  - Word Choice
  - Integrity/trust (What value do your words have?)
  - Clarity (Do your words clearly relay your message?)
- How important is verbal communication?
  - At work?
  - In interviews?
  - In e-mails and text messages? How often is there confusion with messages dependent solely on words?
  - Emoticons were created to help clarify e-mail messages
  - What role does verbal communication have in responding to supervisors, co-workers, customers?
- What are the different roles of Verbal Communication?
  - Explain things
  - Give directions
  - Clarify something