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Creativity

The following excerpt is from the website Creativity Centre (<http://www.creativitycentre.com/creativi.htm>). It will provide you with a brief description of what creativity is.

What is creativity?

Creativity is about producing artifacts, ideas, systems and processes that are novel and valuable. Contrary to what some people claim, creativity is not some mysterious ability given to only a few people. Being creative is about thinking and behaving in new ways, backed up by sound knowledge, skills and motivation. The more we use these in combination, the more expertly creative we can all be.

Everyone can develop their thinking skills and acquire new knowledge. Add the motivation to make a difference, and you have the basic recipe for creative achievement. But it takes time. Like learning a language, it's easy to pick up a few phrases, but it takes longer to become fluent.

When we talk about 'highly creative people' we mean people who've become fluent in creative thinking. Many people could achieve fluency, but many don't, because they lack the conditions, education or training which permits their creativity to thrive.

After reading this brief article, you should be able to recognize and appreciate the fact that everyone has the ability to be creative, but as with most things, it just takes some effort and practice. In an attempt to begin practicing, you will use the reverse side of this paper and/or others that have six circles on them. Using these six circles as your starting point, draw as many pictures as possible. All of your drawings should somehow have circles incorporated into them (but the picture does not have to be drawn into the circle). Ultimately, everyone should be able to use their creativity to come up with at least one unique picture that no other student has. You are **not** limited to one circle per picture, in other words one picture could be composed of multiple circles.

EXAMPLE

This circle was transformed into a peace sign by adding some lines.



