

For everyone who thinks they can't draw

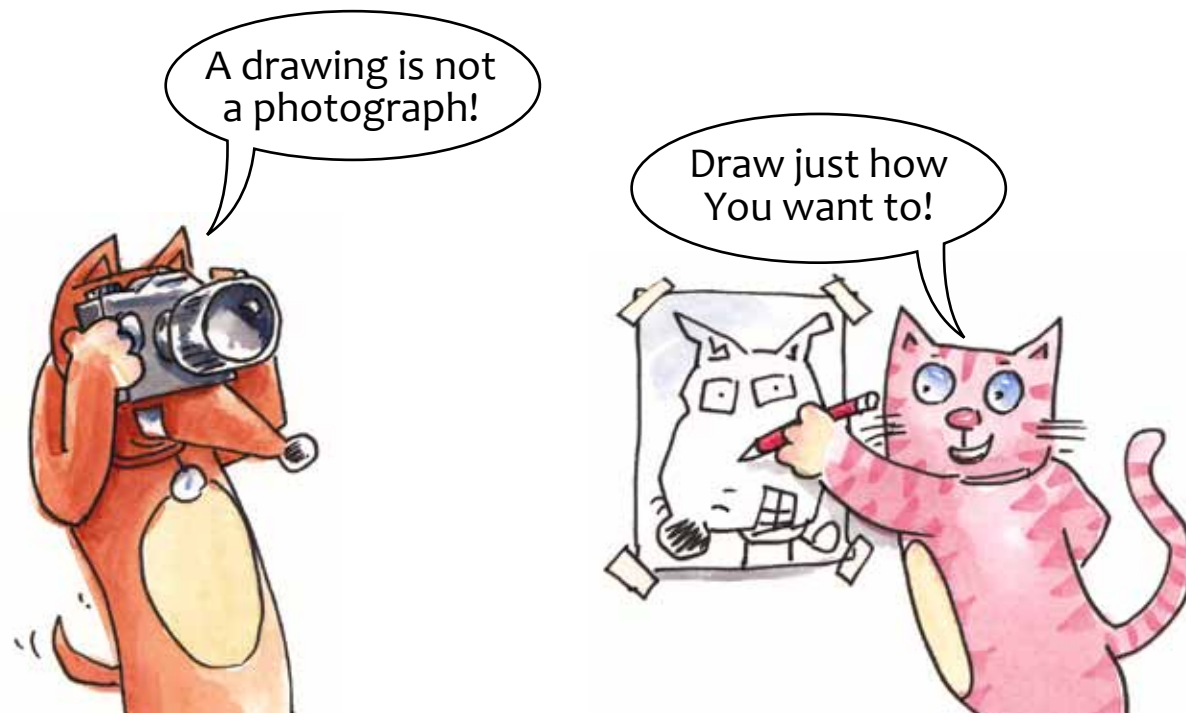
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This is NOT a book about ART.

This is a book about Drawing.

Drawing is easy. You may not know it yet, but you are probably quite good at drawing already!

With a few new drawing tricks, you will soon be able to draw your own ideas with confidence.

Before you read this book, find a pencil and some paper to draw on. Now, sign your name as neatly as you can.



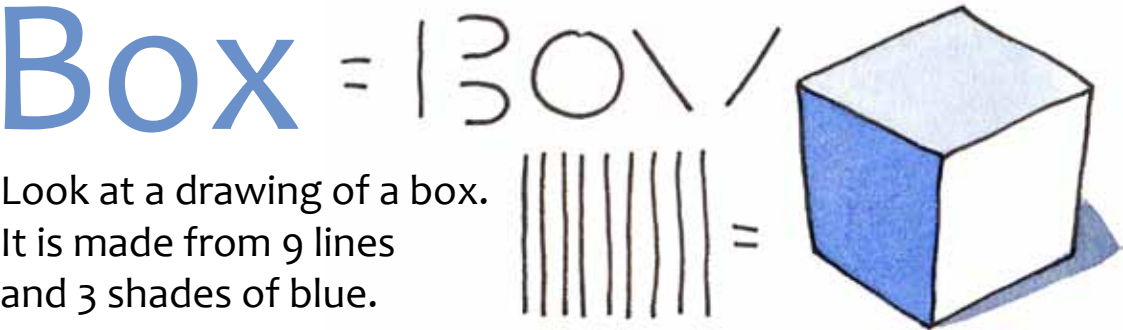
If you managed to write your name, then you can draw already! Writing is just one form of drawing.

You have probably spent years in school learning to draw the alphabet, so you are already a fantastic drawer.

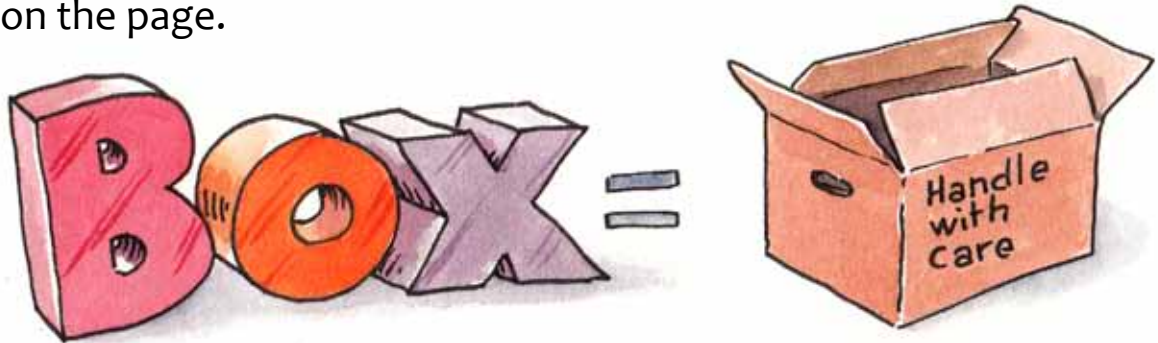
First you learned how to make the marks that make letter shapes. Then you put the letters together to make words, then you put the words together to make sentences.

It's just the same with drawing. Marks go together to make shapes and the shapes go together to make drawings.

Look at the word, Box - it is made up from three different shapes - three lines, two semi-circles and a circle



The word "Box" and the drawing of a box mean the same thing. They are both "drawn" with marks that are "drawn" on the page.



The simplest mark you can make is a dot.
The fun starts when you join two dots together with a line!

Draw two dots on your piece of paper and join them together.



Well done - you can draw!

Drawing just means that you draw one object (maybe a pencil) across another object (maybe some paper) leaving a mark behind.



Some things are better for drawing with than others.
Pencils are good. They are made to be easy to draw with.
Paper is good. It is made to be drawn on.

You can draw with anything on any surface you can imagine.
Felt-tip pen on a broken leg - pencil on wood - a stick in the sand. It's all drawing and the more you draw, the better you get.

All you will need with this book is a pencil and some paper. You might like to get a sketchbook or a pad, so you can keep all your drawing practice together in one place.

This is a great idea, because you can see how much your drawing has improved from one page to the next.

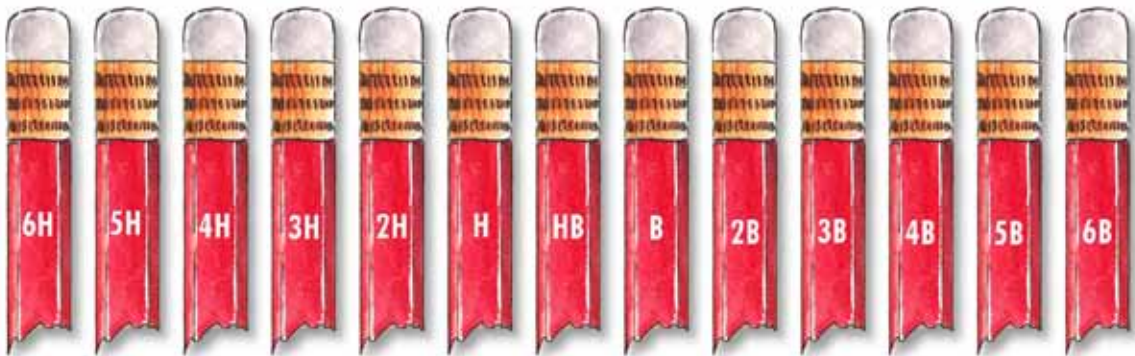


About Pencils

Pencil leads are not made of lead. Lead is a metal. Pencil leads are made from **Graphite**, which is a type of carbon, which is what diamonds are made of too! But Diamonds are hard and shiny, while graphite is dull and soft.

Graphite is mixed with clay, to make it stick together and with wax or oils, to make it draw nice and smoothly.

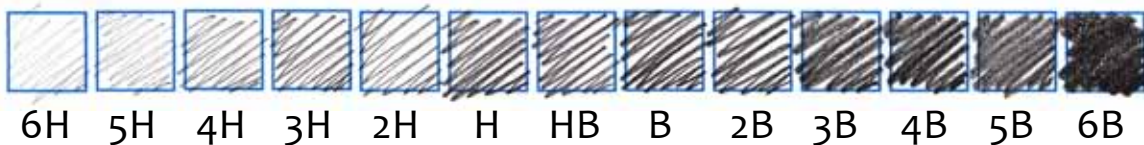
More clay makes the pencil lead hard. Less clay, or more wax and graphite, make the lead softer and darker.



Pencils are marked **H** or **B**.
H means (H)ard and B means (B)lack.

6H is a very hard pencil. 6B is a very soft, dark pencil.

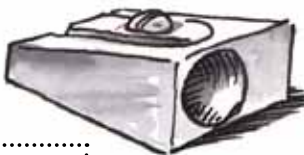
In the middle is HB. This is the everyday kind of pencil that is used in schools and offices.



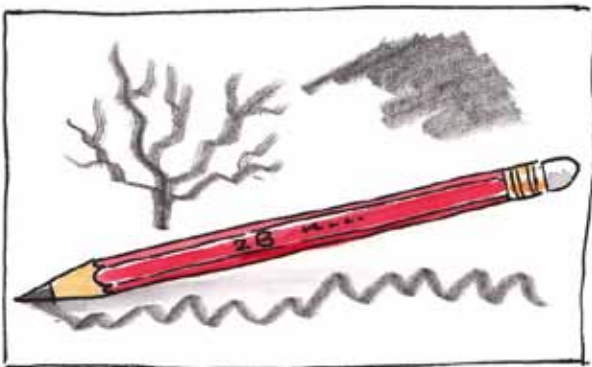
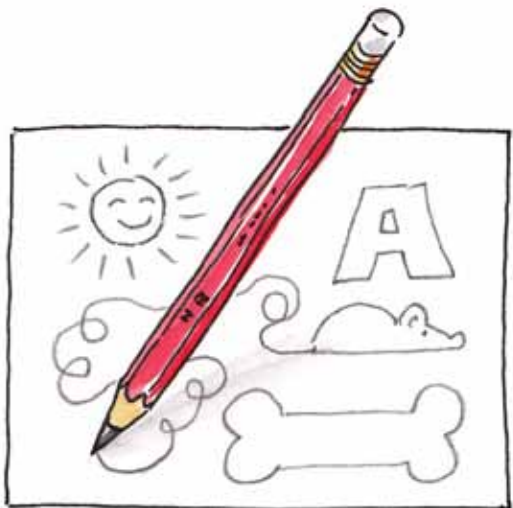
Different grades of pencil give different shades of grey.

Keep your pencil sharp and hold the pencil vertically to the paper to draw fine lines.

(Don't forget the pencil sharpener!)



Tip: You can buy spare blades for pencil sharpeners that have gone blunt.

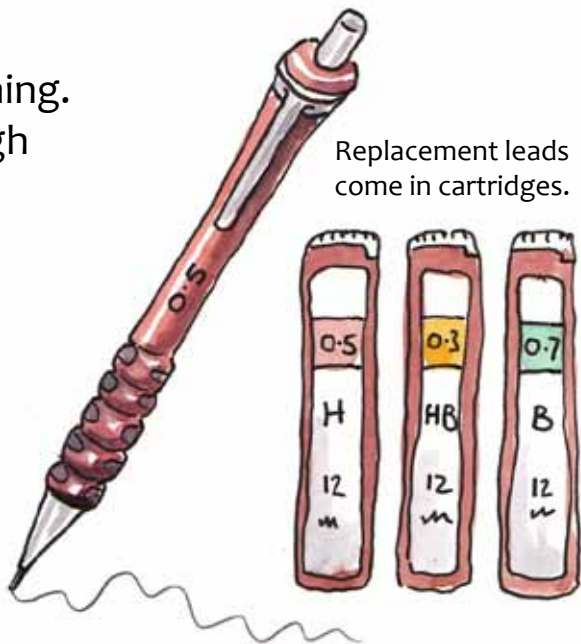


Lean the pencil at a shallow angle to the paper and use the side edge of the graphite to draw wide lines.

This is good for shading and can be used for some great effects. Try it and see!

Mechanical pencils have fine leads that don't need sharpening. The graphite is mixed with high polymer plastic to make the leads really strong.

Mechanical pencils come in different lead thickness sizes and can be filled with soft or hard leads. They are great for technical drawing.



Replacement leads come in cartridges.