Bridging the gap

What you think I mean
What I mean
The words you hear
The words I say

Why the gap?

- We differ in our preferences for focussing on big-picture concepts or factual detail
- We only retain a small proportion of what is said initially and soon forget half of this
- English is not the 1st language for everyone
- Veterinary science and science are using their ‘own’ disciplinary language
- Most communication is non-verbal and generally involuntary

Communication in action

Instructions:
- Each group needs to choose groups of ‘Seers’, ‘Runners I’, ‘Runners II’ and ‘Builders’. These groups need to stay together.
- Seers are the only team members allowed to see a structure and they can talk to Runners I.
- Runners I may not ask questions of Seers.
- Runners I can communicate with Runners II.
- Runners II can communicate with Builders but can not see what the builders are building.
- Builders build the structure.
- Time limit of 20-25 minutes