

## We See Things Differently

### Language Lizard - Living in Harmony Series



**Page Information:** The painting referenced on the page is part of Van Gogh's famous *Sunflowers* collection, completed in France in the late 1880's. It is currently located in Munich, Germany, in an art gallery called Neue Pinakothek (no-yeh pee-nah-ko-tek). Van Gogh did many paintings of sunflowers while staying in Southern France.



**Part 1: Creating:** Give each student some model magic or play doh. Separate students so that they cannot copy each other, but assure them that it is just for fun and not a test. Facilitators can choose one or more of the items from the list below and ask the students to build them with model magic. Try to provide as few rules as possible and minimal guidance, allowing the students to make their own interpretation.

Examples:

- A flower
- A shoe
- A person
- A pet
- A piece of candy

After a few minutes, have the students reveal what they made to their peers.

**Part 2: Discussion:** Ask the students to say one kind thing about the sculptures of the person next to them. Next, have them write or discuss the following questions as a class:

- Is your sculpture exactly the same as the person next to you?
- Why are they different?
- Do you have a unique style?
- Is there a “correct” way to make these things? (The answer to this should be no; guide the class towards this conclusion that there are no mistakes in art!)

**Optional:** create an art gallery in the room and have students walk around and look at everything, encouraging them to appreciate that art can be interpreted in many ways!

