

Buffalos to Bananas

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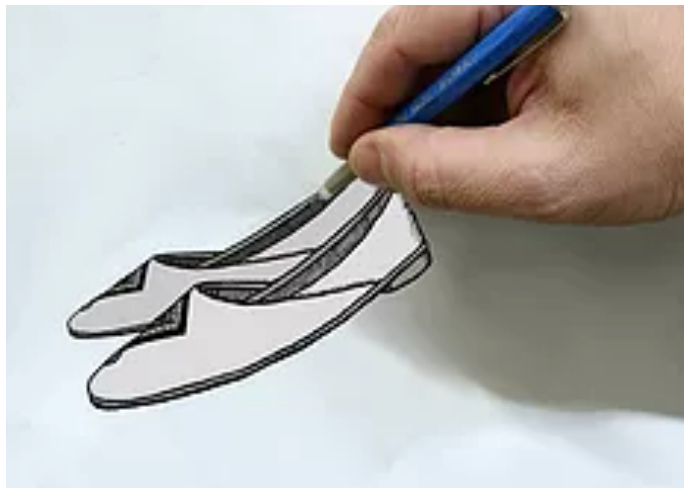
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Back in early 2016 I was asked to create a series of multicultural images to be use by people with learning disabilities.

The company who had approached me, Total Communication CIC, had presented me with a very clear design brief. The images needed to be simple, concise line drawings without any embellishment, which could possibly distract from the primary object of focus.

I was quickly presented with a list of over 250 images which was as diverse as one could imagine.

So, Buffalos to Bananas, I sketched, drew, scanned and rendered to create a small library of .pdf images which has since become known as TCPix.



The library was initially designed to be used by Speech and Language Therapists working with people from Asian heritage families, for whom English may not be their first language, but who have learning disabilities. However, this visual lexicon has become another useful

tool in the Total Communication resource pack, and is now frequently used by professionals and also by families and carers to help expand and develop various communication techniques.

The Total Communication approach is very person centered and flexible, not the usual 'one size fits all'. The Asian heritage illustrations are easily recognizable and help to stimulate and encourage communication.

TCPix images are comprehensively archived, which makes them easily accessible and very user friendly ... after all, you never know when you may need a Dhoti!

The library is fast growing, as the need for more vocabulary is required, and the feedback from it's users is most encouraging. It's gratifying to know that my depictions of coriander and coconuts are actually helping to improve lives!

You can now freely access TCPix directly from the Total Communication CIC Services website.