



# How to Describe a Person/Vehicle

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## **Situation**

When children observe or are involved in stressful situations, they tend to forget minor details that could potentially help find the subject or vehicle involved in the incident.

## **So What?**

Without a description of the subject or vehicle, law enforcement may not be able to locate the parties involved in the incident. More detail helps officers find the right person or vehicle.

## **Solution**

Teach children to:

- Identify facial and body characteristics to include: hair color, beards, mustaches and tattoos.
- Identify types and color of clothing to include: hats, shirts, pants, shorts, jackets and shoes.
- Identify additional accessories to include: watches, jewelry, glasses and items in hand.
- Identify vehicle information to include: make, model, color, body style and license plate number.

## **Definition**

A description is taking the mental image of something seen and giving a verbal or written likeness of that image.

## **Discussion**

Has anyone ever been in a situation where they provided a description of a person or vehicle? What happened? Did you remember all the details about the people or vehicles involved?

## **Exercise #1**

Select a student to stand in front of the classroom for about 30 seconds. Have the rest of the class examine the student. Now, have the demonstration student step to the back of the room and ask the students to describe him or her without looking. Write the answers given on the board. Have the demonstration student return to the front of the classroom and review the description given for comparison.

## **Exercise #2**

Use the People, Vehicle and License Plate Flash Cards to help students with memory.

## **Review**

Did the students miss any detail including: watches, glasses, shoes or objects in hands?

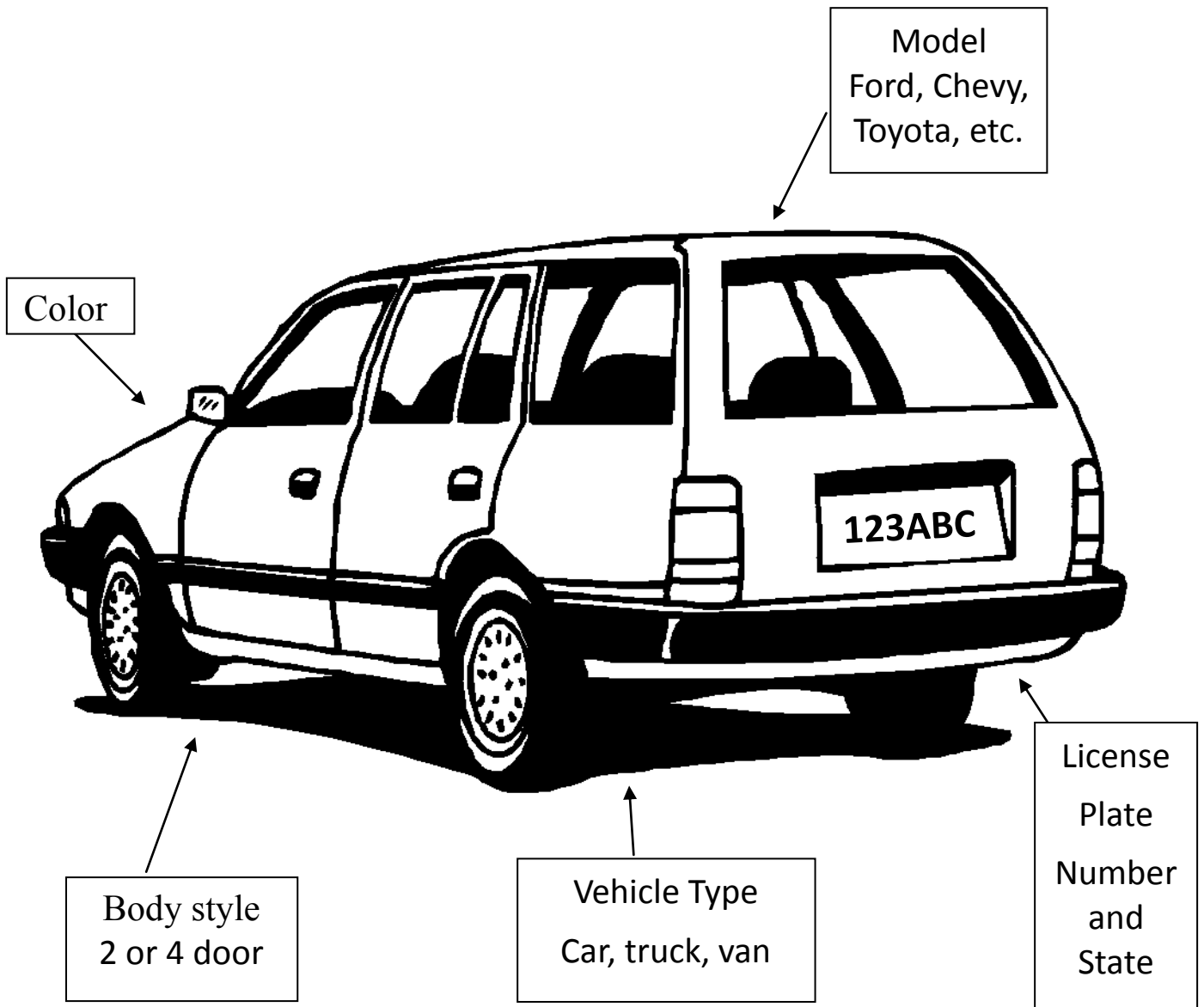
## **Handouts**

“How to Describe a Person” coloring page

“How to Describe a Vehicle” coloring page



# How to Describe a Vehicle

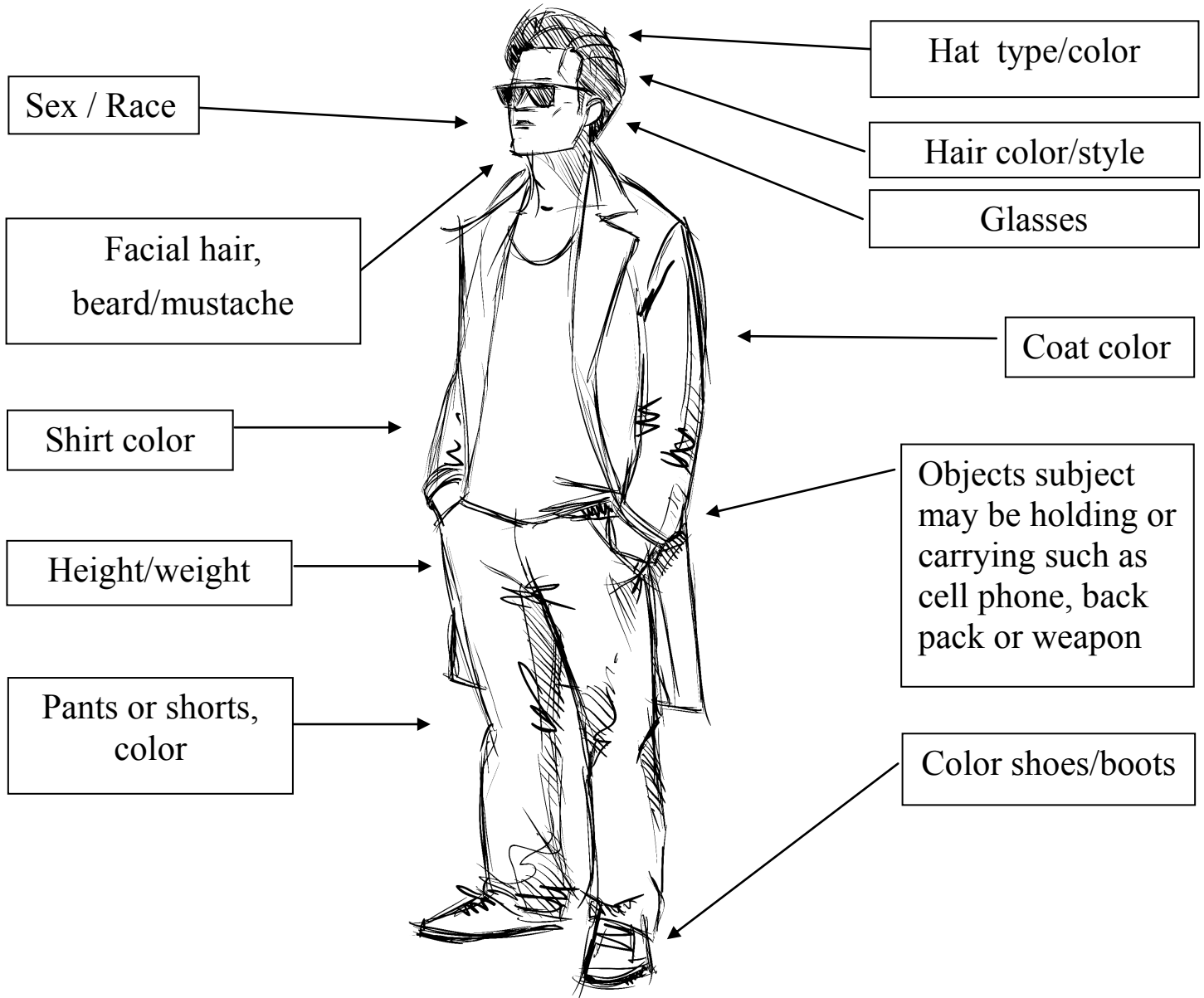


It is important to give a description of a vehicle that may be involved in a crime. Below is a sample description of a vehicle.

***“The subject was driving a 4-door Chevy car. It was red with license plate number 123ABC.”***



# How to Describe a Person



It is important to give a description of a person that may be involved in a crime. Below is a sample description of a subject.

***“The subject is a white male wearing sunglasses, tan jacket, yellow shirt, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.”***



# How to Describe a License Plate

COLOR PICTURE STATE LETTERS/NUMBERS



Make and color your own license plate

