



## *Portfolio Activity 4.4*

## **WRITING PROCEDURES**

### *Materials Needed:*

- Lego building blocks
- Writing materials

- A. Have your students work in pairs. Give each pair ten types of Lego building blocks in different colors. Ask each pair to construct a structure using all the Lego blocks you gave them. Then ask each pair to write a detailed description of how to make the structure so that someone else, following their instructions, could make the same structure. Instruct the pairs not to look at one another's structures.
- B. Have the pairs exchange their written directions. Now ask the pairs to follow the directions they have been given in building a new structure.
- C. Ask the pairs to inspect the structures built from their directions. How could the directions be improved?
- D. You might also have your students try to explain how to tie a shoe, make a peanut butter sandwich, or make a cube out of paper. Record your notes about this activity in your portfolio.