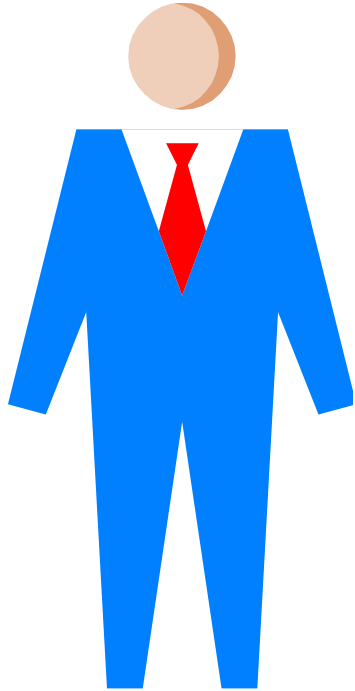
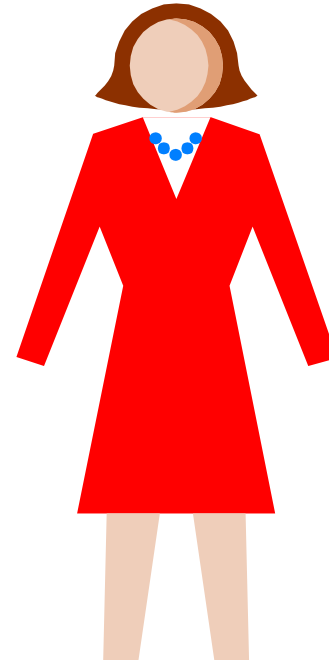


Mr. Mitchell's (Hard-Learned) Tips for Not Being Creepy

A case study



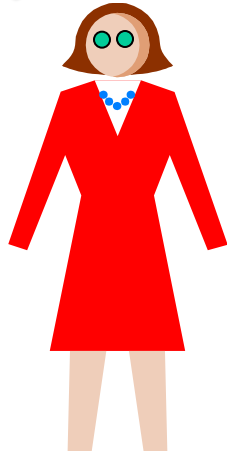
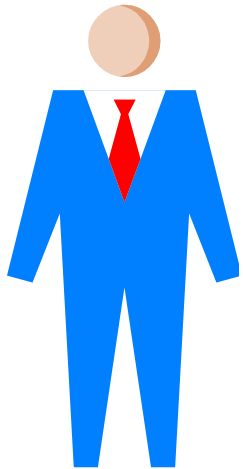
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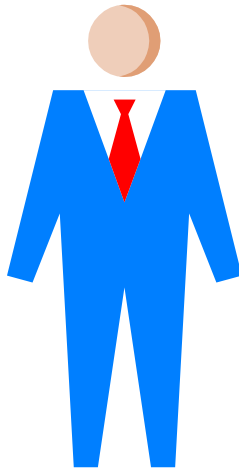
Rule #1

When Bob finds out
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but doesn't learn it *from* Alice,
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Rule #2

When Bob wants Alice
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and gets the information
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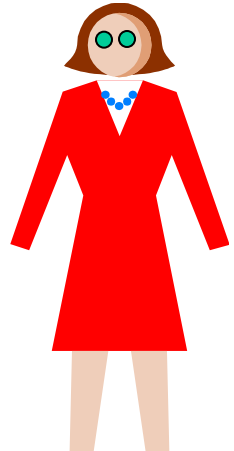
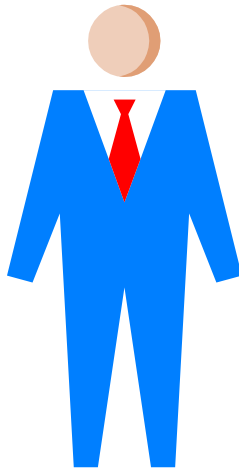
(This is something you may need to practice.)

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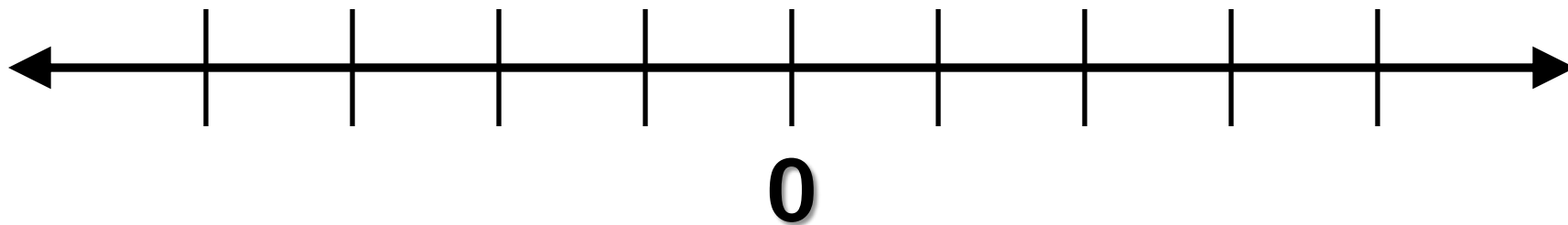
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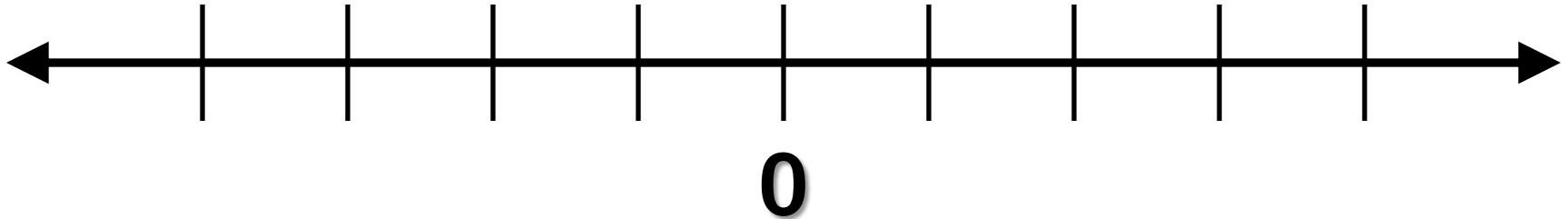
And it certainly doesn't
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Or that she is happy about
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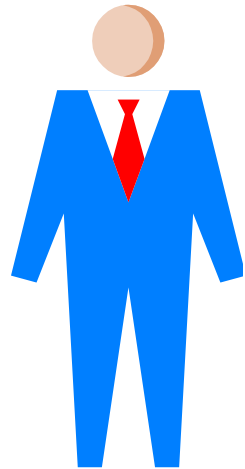


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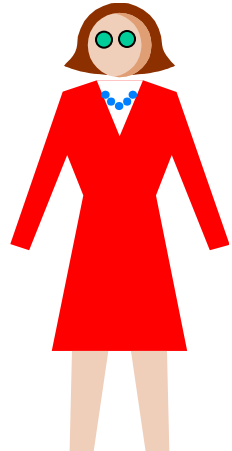




**Everyone you've ever met has
either a **positive** or negative
impression of you.**



If Alice is favorably disposed towards Bob, then she will be flattered when he says nice things to her or does them for her.



If Alice is *not* favorably disposed towards Bob, then she will probably be creeped out even if he says or does those *same things*.

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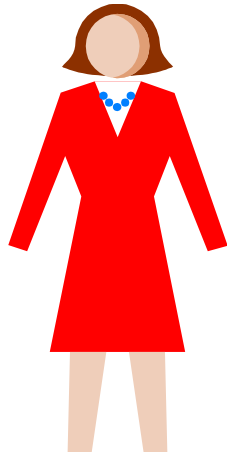
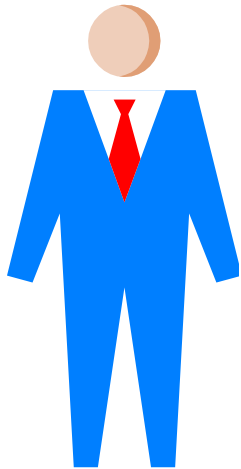
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(This is bad news for Bob.)

Rule # 5

If Alice isn't interested in Bob, then *nothing* Bob can tell her or do for her is going to change her mind (probably).

Alice will only change her mind by watching Bob interact with others over a longish period of time.



**If she's not interested,
*leave her alone.***

On relationships

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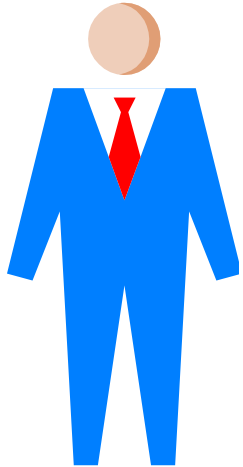
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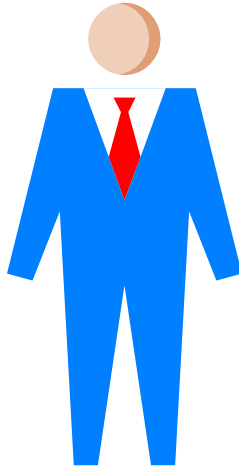
Am I creepy?

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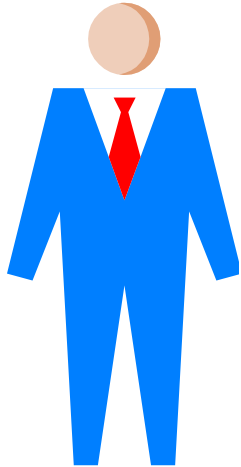
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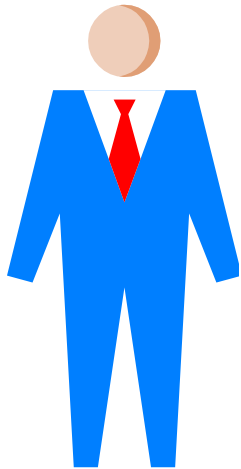


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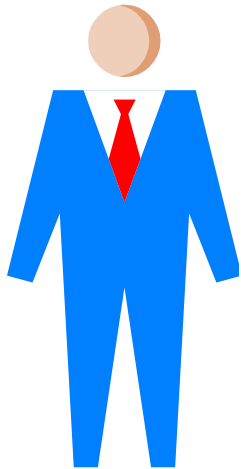


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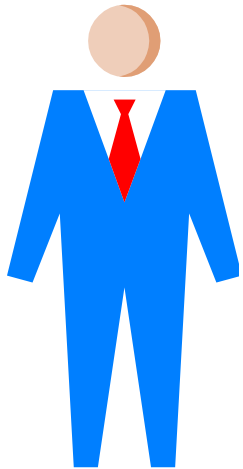
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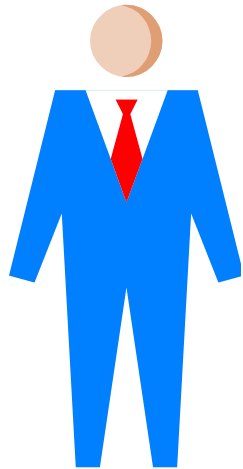
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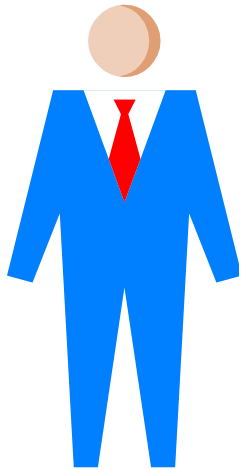
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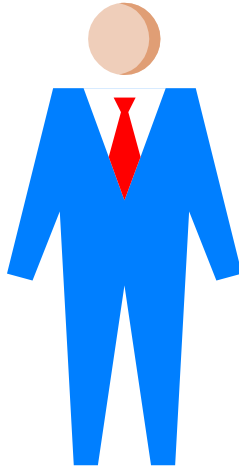
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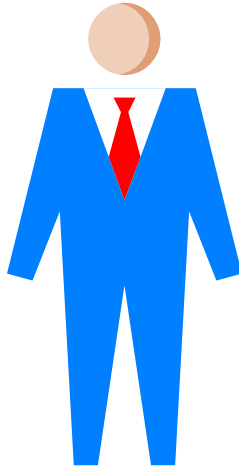
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- You leave anonymous notes

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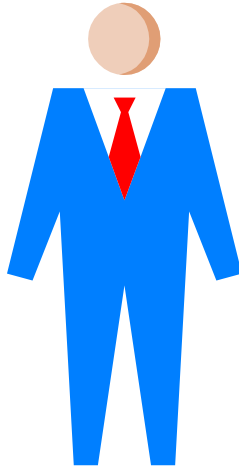


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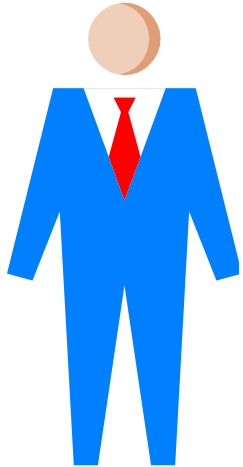


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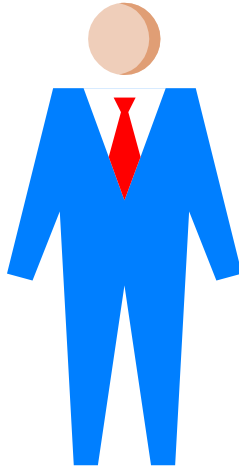
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- They have closed body language

The Test

In private, ask a friend or two, “Do people think I’m creepy?”

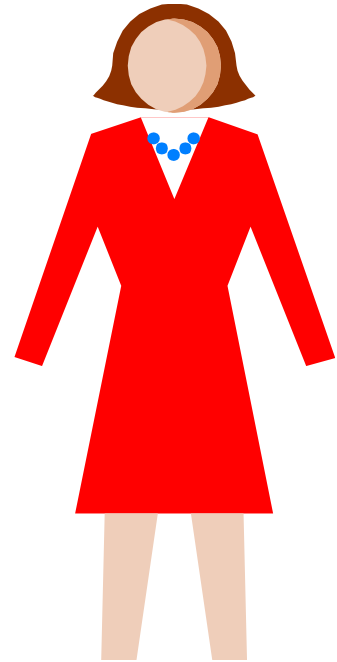
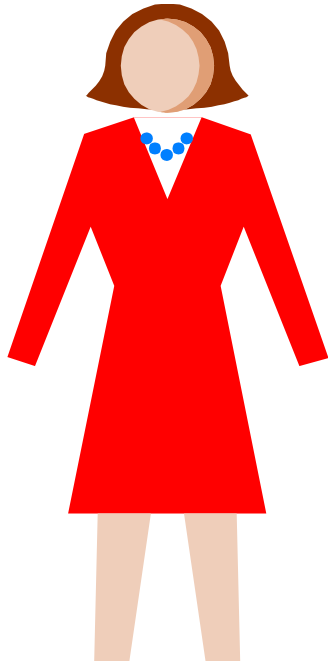
**(Don’t ask Alice this.
She’ll probably lie.)**

Then ask, “What sorts of things do I do that people think are creepy?”

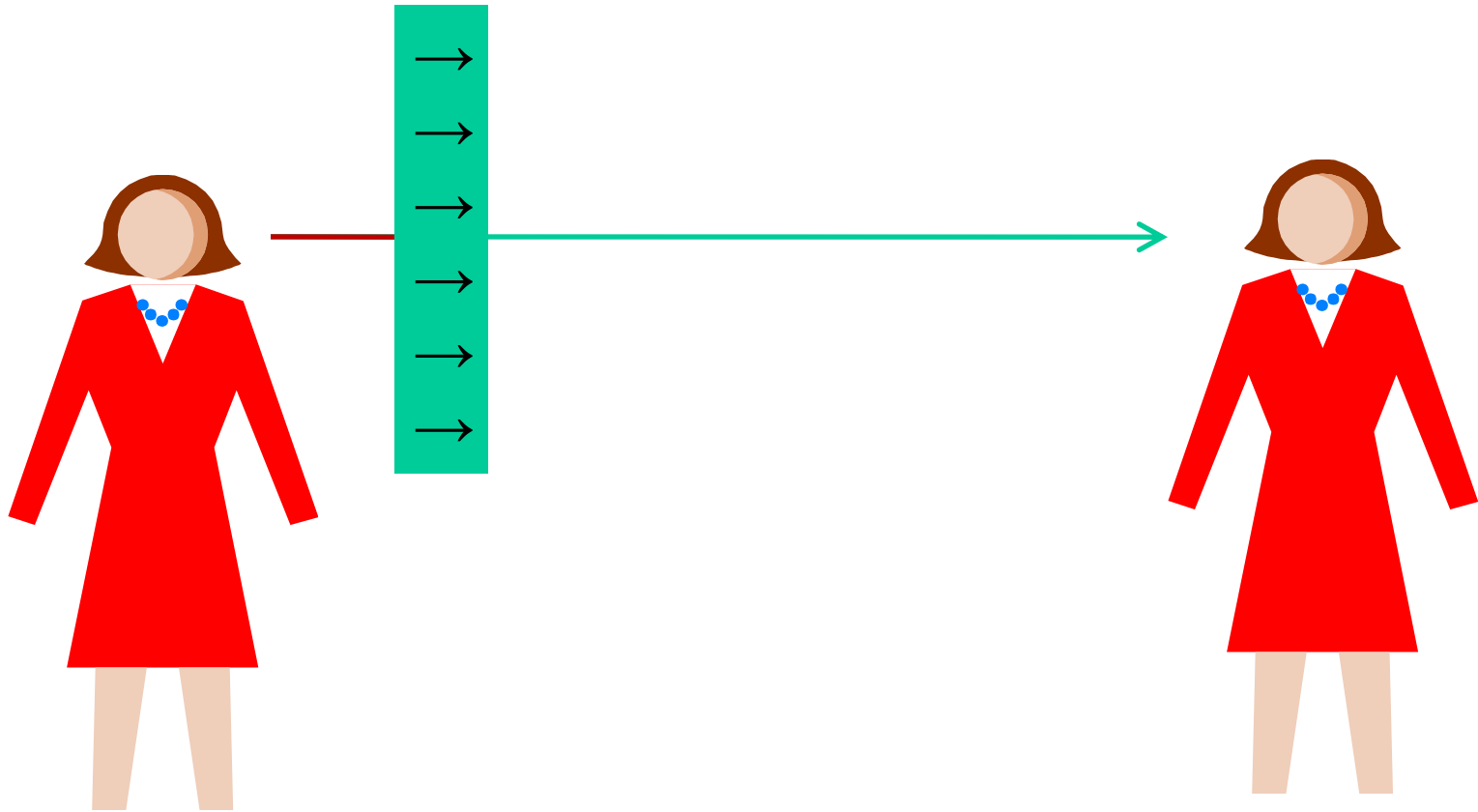
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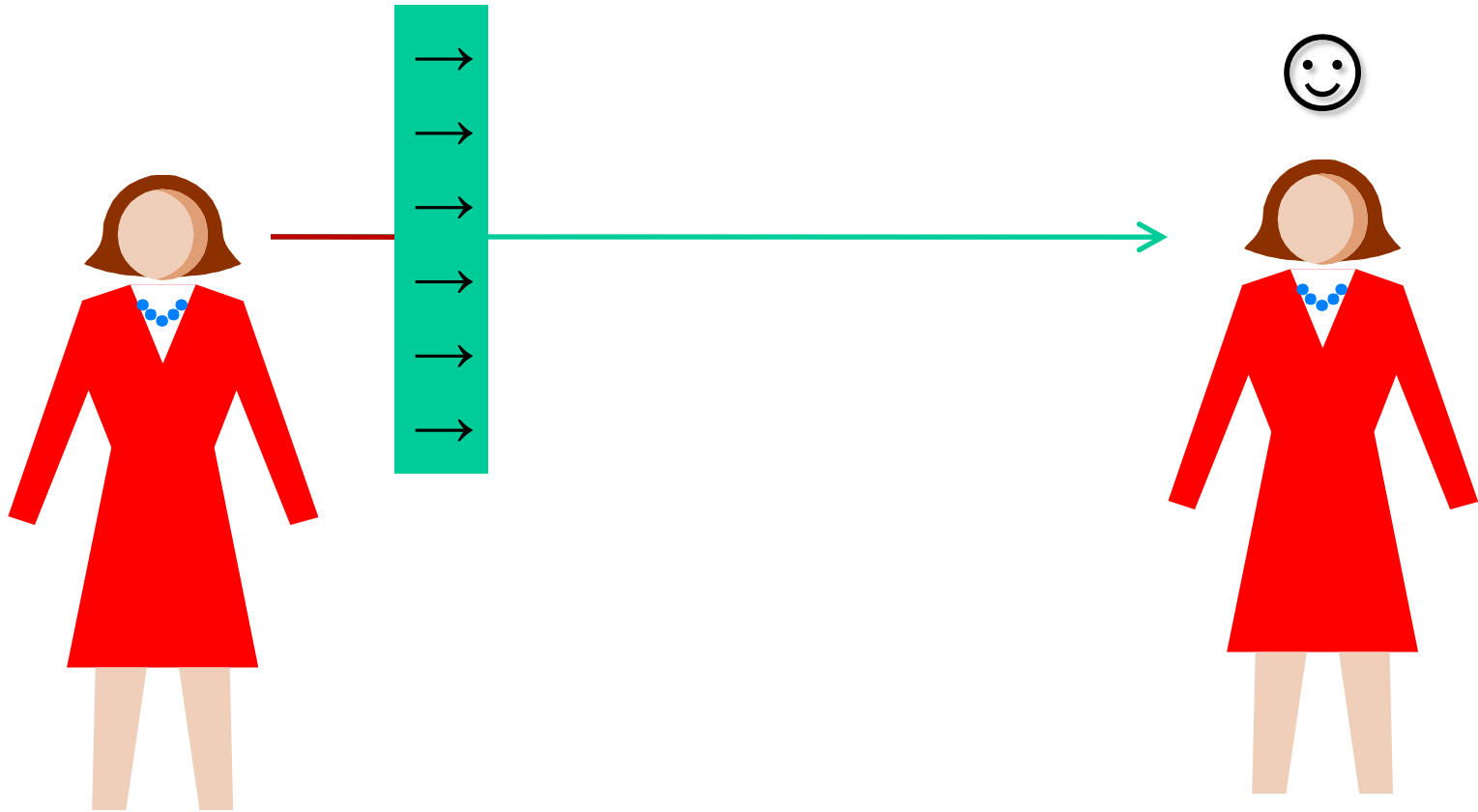
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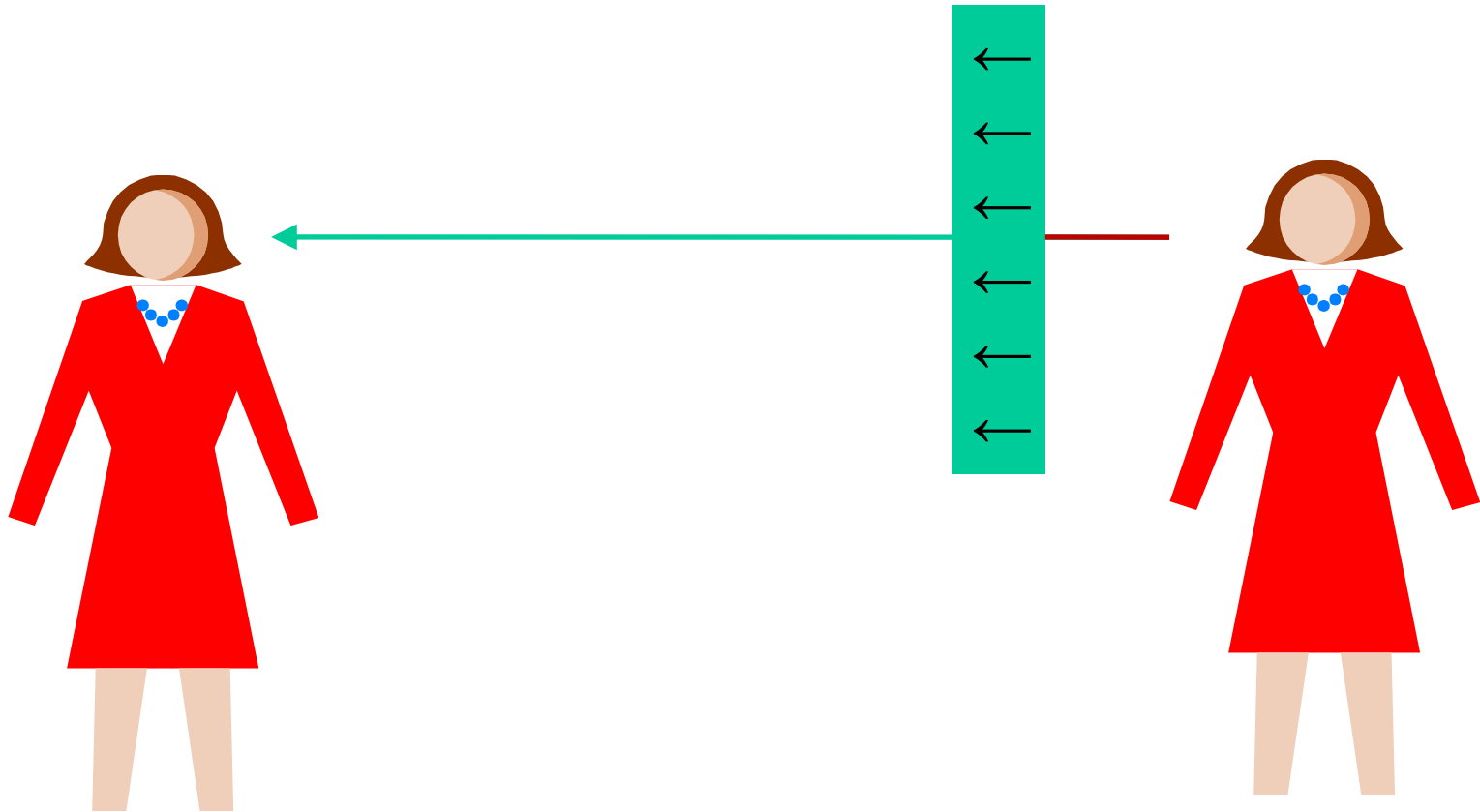
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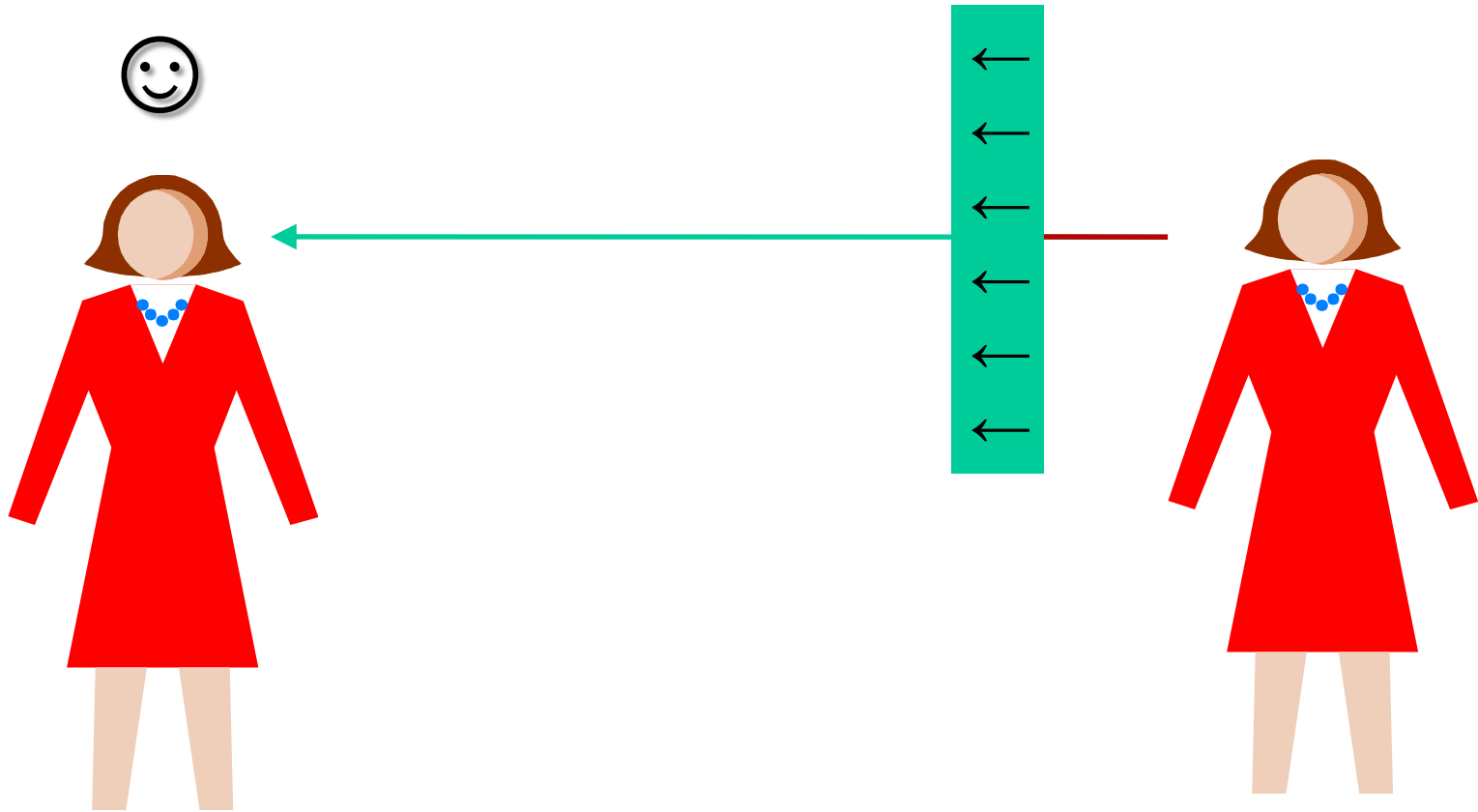
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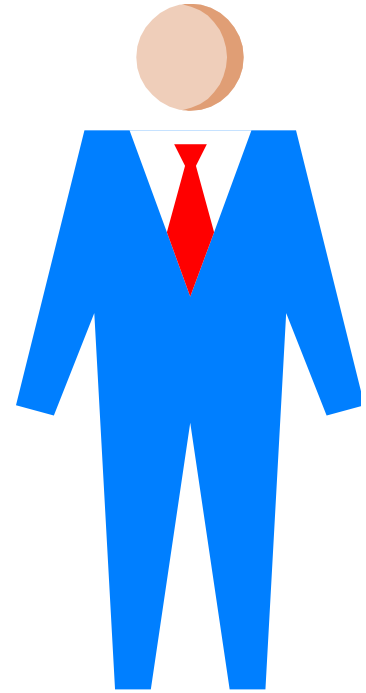
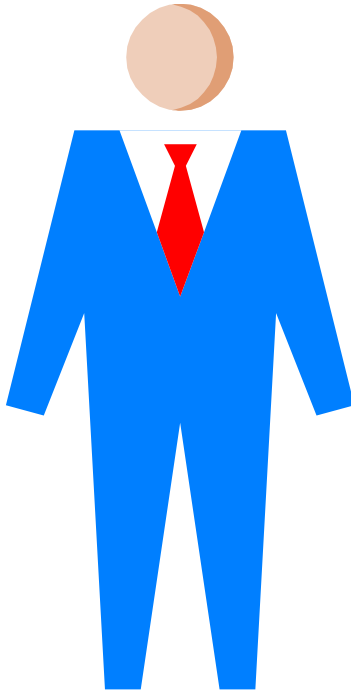
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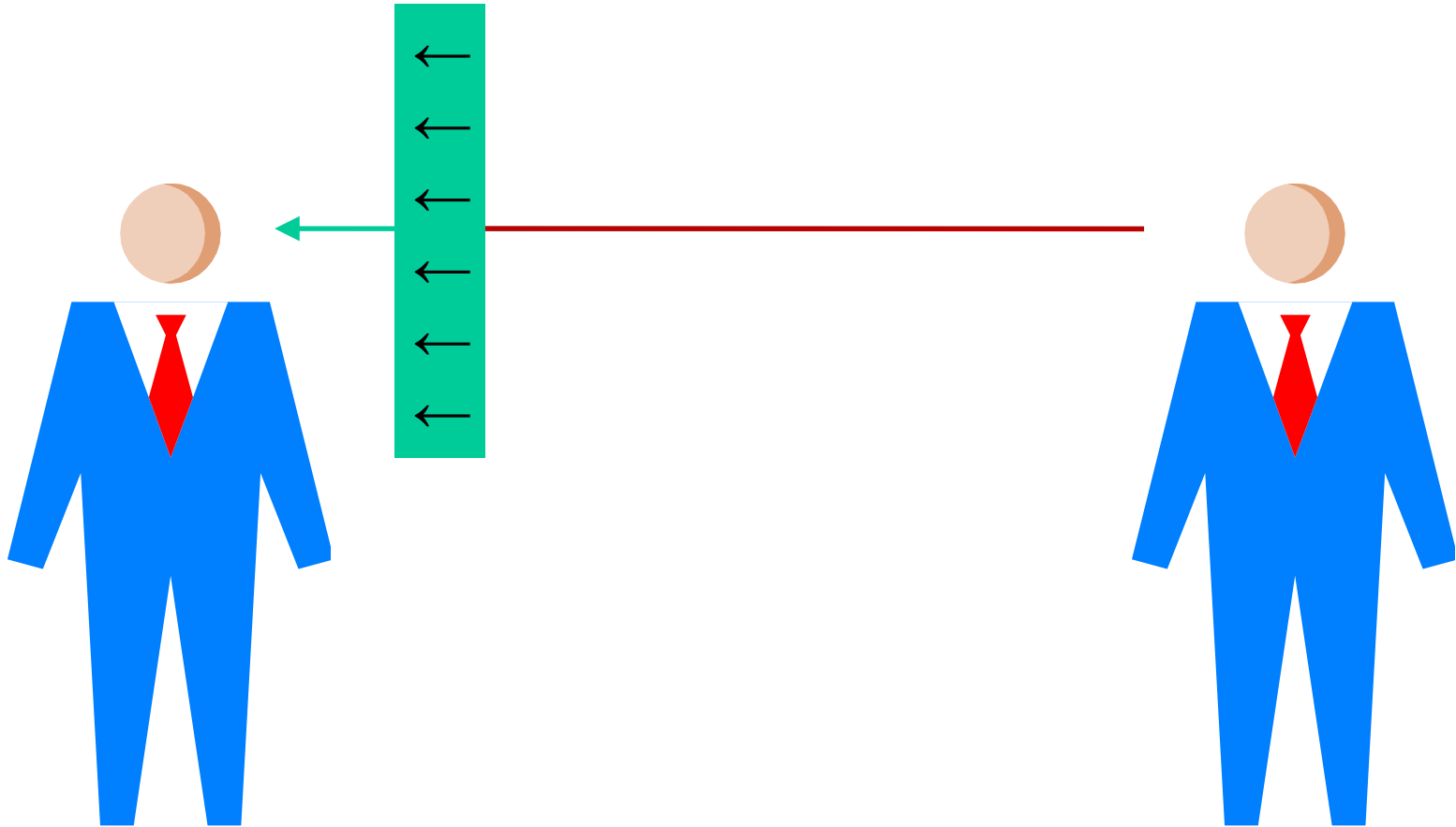
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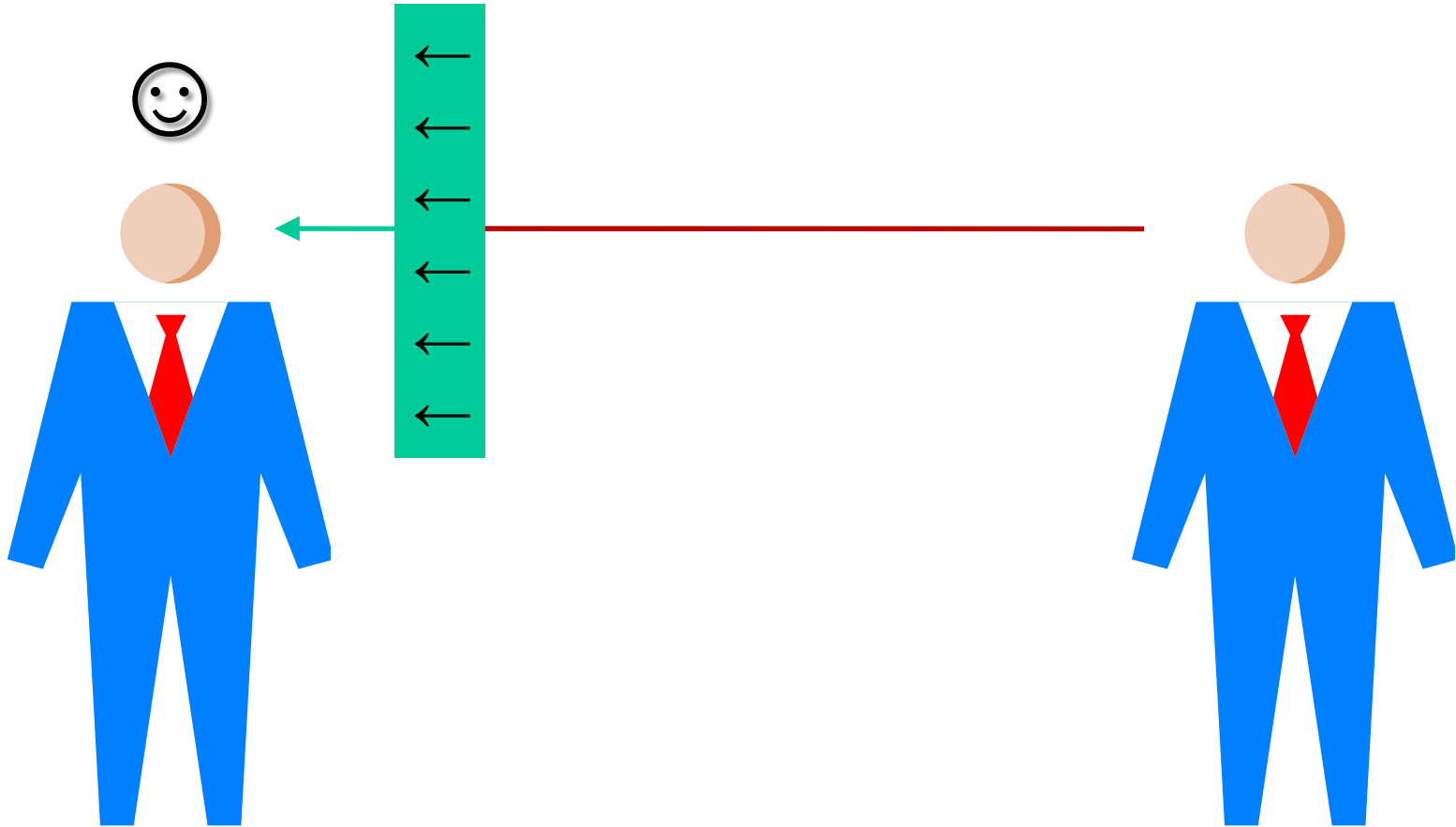
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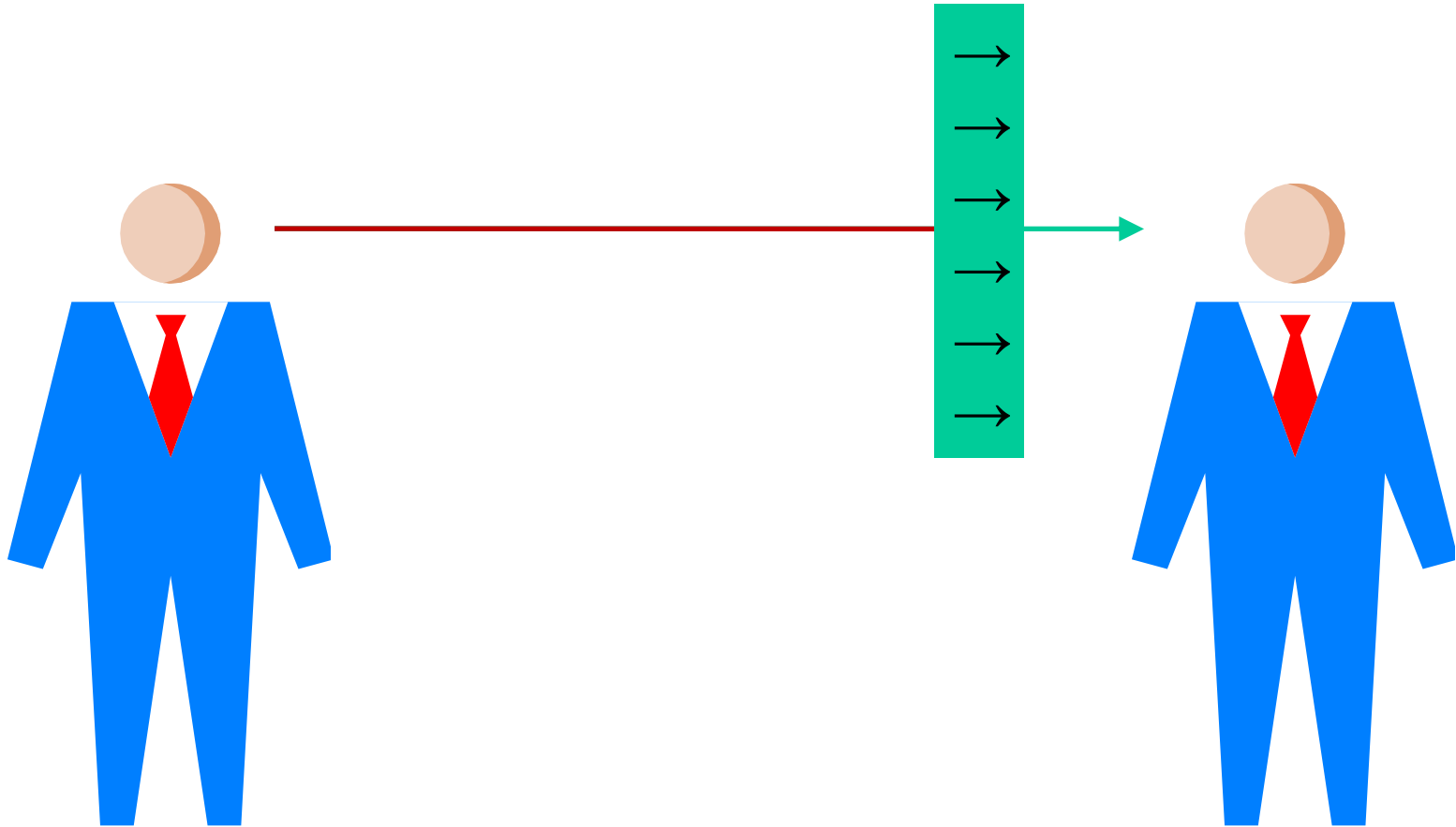
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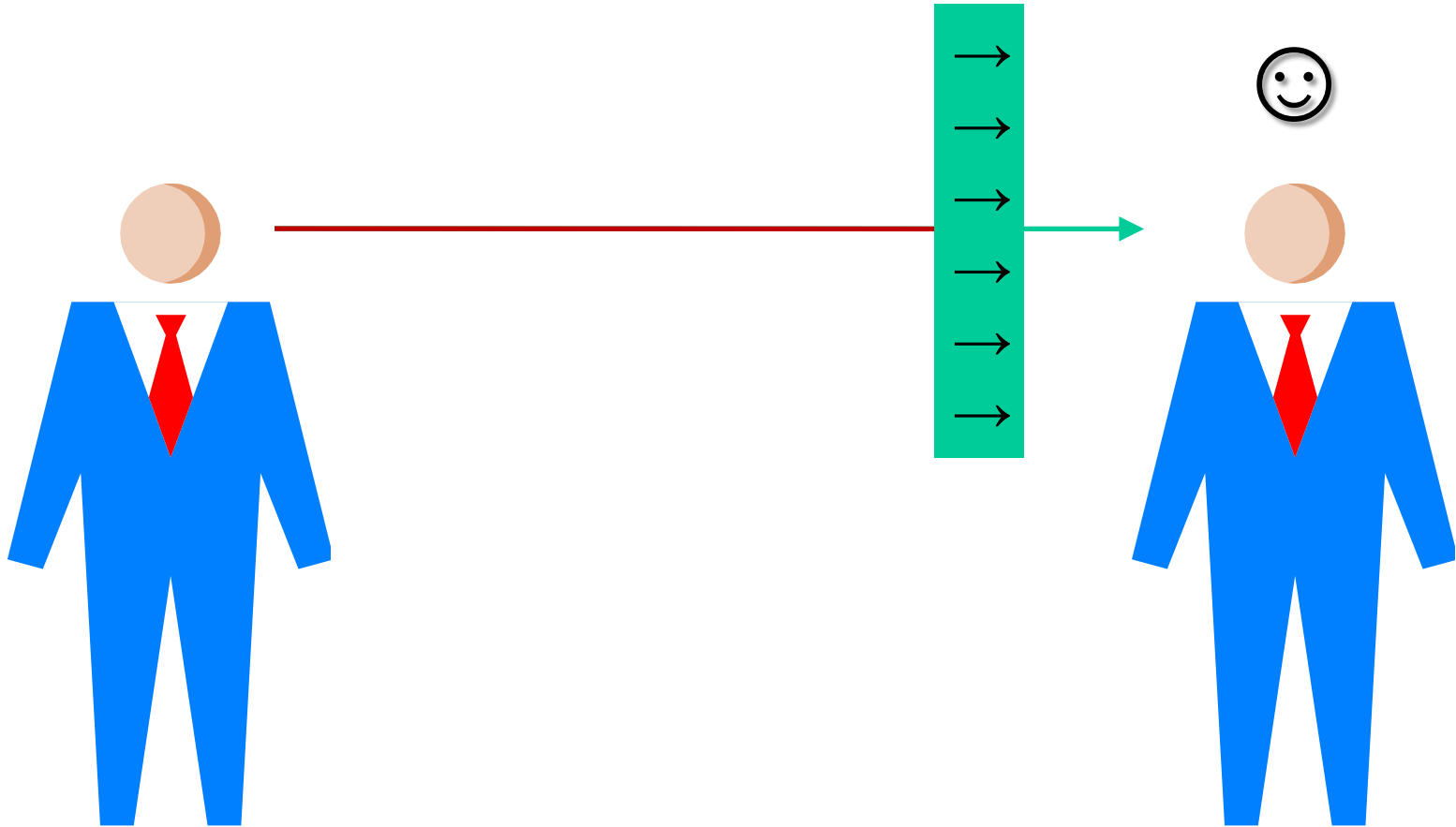
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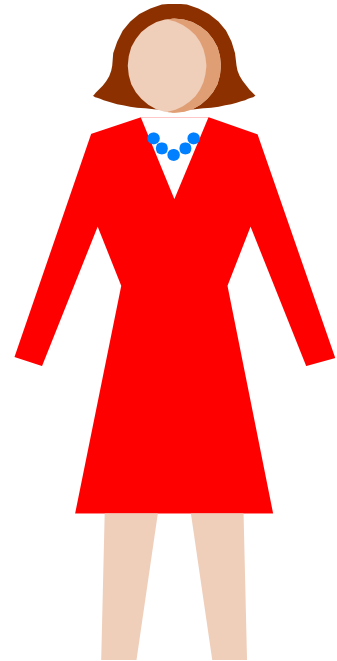
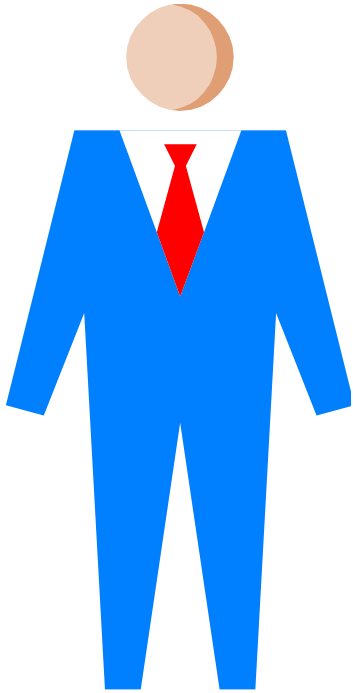
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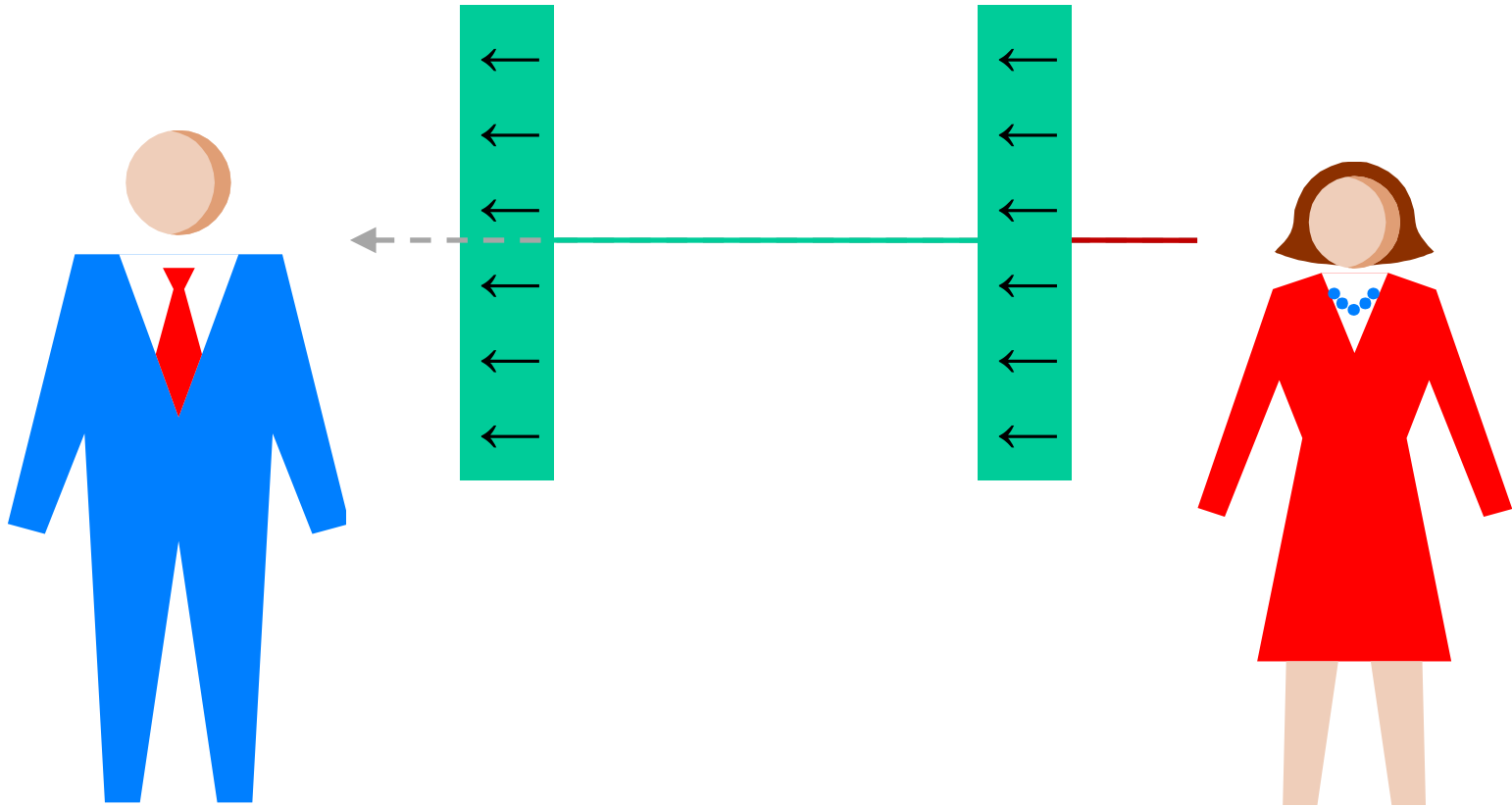
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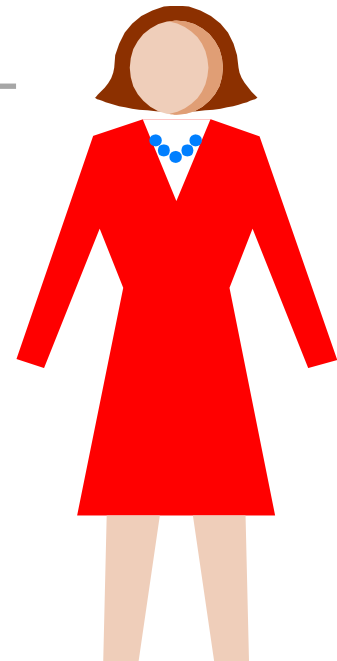


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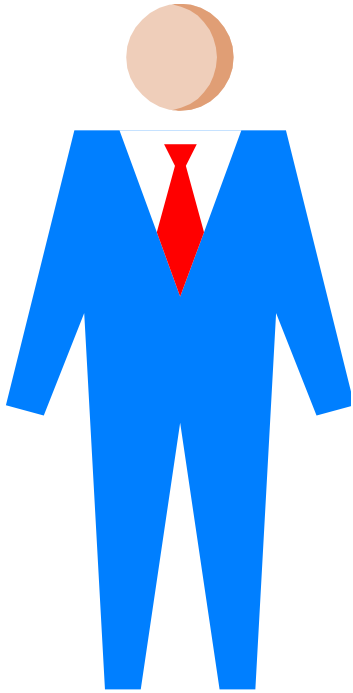


Tip for “Alice”

**It's okay
to be direct.**



Tip for “Bob”



Be a word ninja.

Don't Be Creepy

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