Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to create a balloon animal dog and teach their peers how to do it, enhancing their communication and artistic skills while having fun.

Materials and Prep

- 10-12 long balloons (preferably 260 size)
- Balloon pump (optional, but helpful)
- Markers (for decorating the balloon dogs)
- Instruction sheet with step-by-step balloon twisting instructions

Before starting, make sure the student knows how to inflate the balloons safely and understands the importance of using a pump to avoid popping them. Practice twisting techniques beforehand to build confidence.

Activities

- **Balloon Inflation Practice:** Begin by teaching the student how to properly inflate a balloon using a balloon pump. This is a crucial skill that will help them create their balloon animals without popping them.

- **Step-by-Step Twisting:** Guide the student through the steps of twisting a balloon dog. Break it down into simple parts: making the head, body, and legs. This will make it easier for them to understand and remember.

- **Peer Teaching Session:** Once the student feels comfortable making a balloon dog, have them teach a friend or family member how to do it. This will reinforce their learning and boost their confidence.

- **Creative Decoration:** After making the balloon dogs, let the student decorate them with markers. They can add eyes, spots, or even funny hats to personalize their creations.

Talking Points

- "Did you know that balloon animals can be made in many shapes? Today, we're going to make a balloon dog!"
- "When you twist the balloon, you want to make sure you leave some space at the end. This helps keep the air inside!"
- "Teaching someone else is a great way to learn! Are you ready to show your friend how to make a balloon dog?"
- "Let's use our markers to give our balloon dogs some personality! What colors do you want to use?"
- "Remember, practice makes perfect! The more you twist, the better you'll get!"