

# Visualizing Big Data (#BigDataViz)

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What does “Big Data” mean? Is Big Data in Earth science different than Big Data elsewhere? Why or why not?

By thinking/expressing differently, insight can be gained about what we truly understand about a topic. Additionally, we can better communicate our ideas to others.

Inspired in part by Lynda Barry, and in part by our own irreverence, we proposed a “beer and crayons” session on visualizing big data. In the BoF space, we provide paper and crayons, as well as some suggested activities, to gather ESIP attendees conceptualizations of Big Data. And, for those unable to attend, we invited virtual participation through the #BigDataViz Twitter hashtag.

So how'd it go?

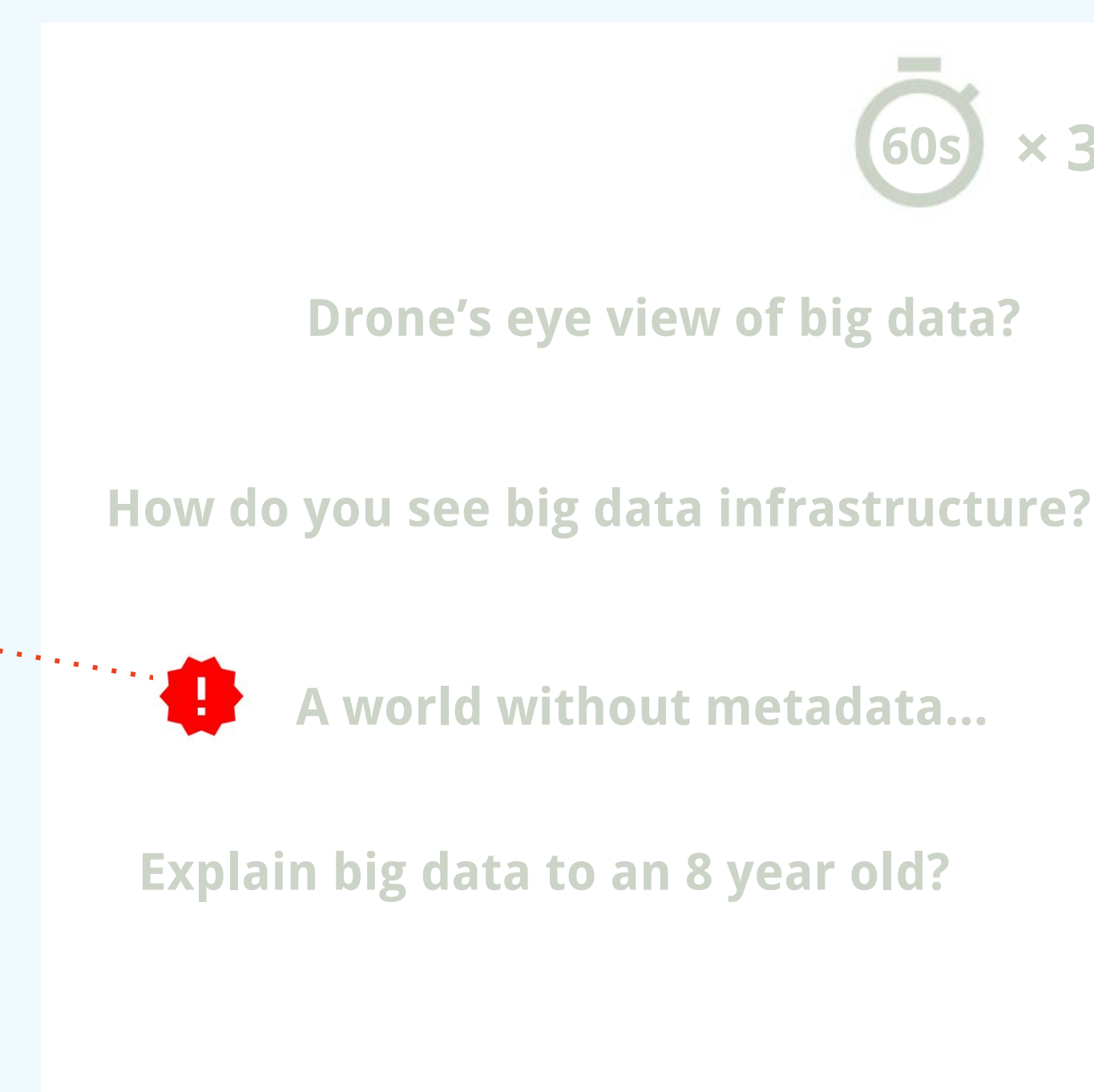
## Exercise 1

Draw Big Data using simple shapes only (circles, triangles, rectangles, lines) with minimal details and no text.



## Exercise 2

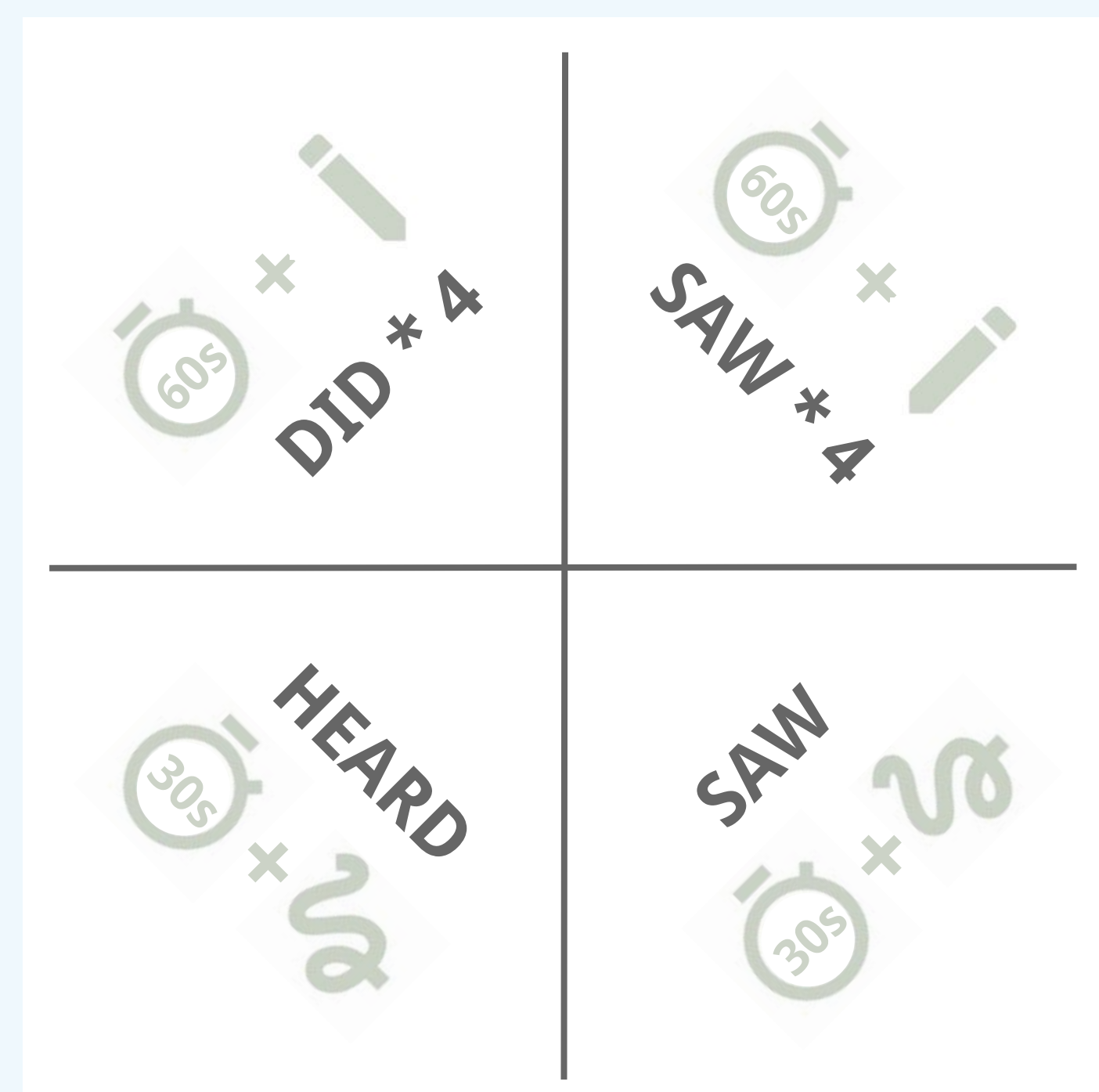
Big Data speed dating: Draw 3 #BigDataViz cards and respond within the time limit.



## Exercise 3

ESIP/Big Data Daily Observations

1. divide page into 4 quadrants
2. fill out:



## Exercise 4

ESIP/Big Data Daily Activities

1. divide page into 4 quadrants with an X
2. sketch:

