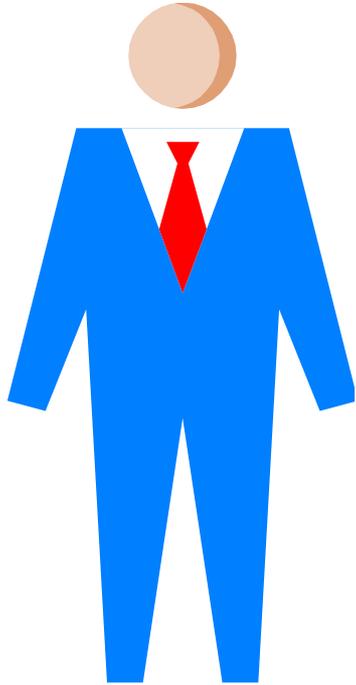
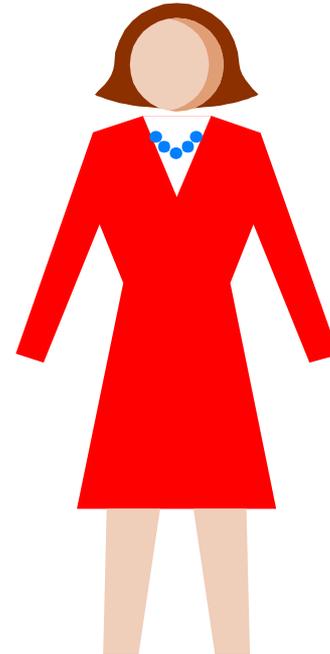


Mr. Mitchell's (Hard-Learned) Tips for
Not Being Creepy

A case study



Bob



Alice

Rule #1

**When Bob finds out
something *about* Alice,
but doesn't learn it *from* Alice,
then Bob is probably
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Rule #2

**When Bob wants Alice
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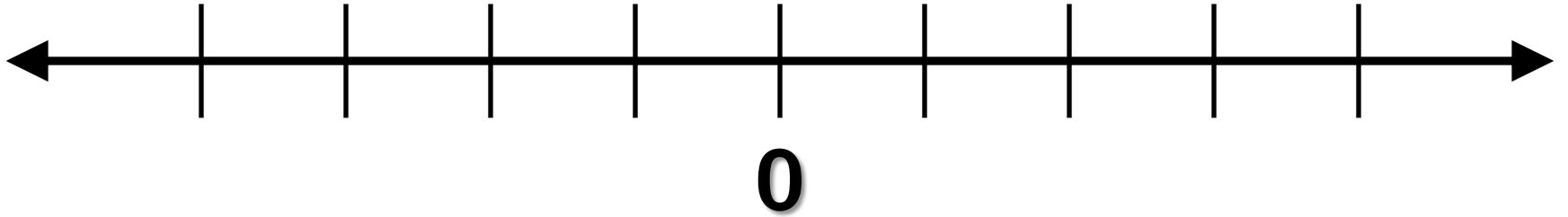
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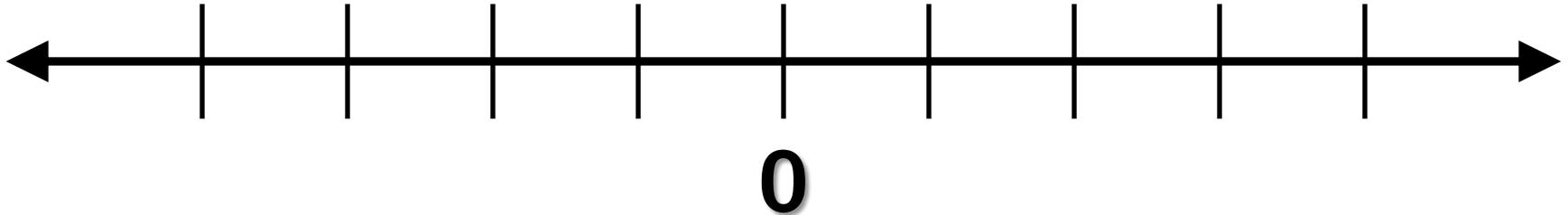
And it certainly doesn't mean that Alice wants to know anything about Bob.

Or that she is happy about Bob knowing all about her.



Rule # 4





**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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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,
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Am I creepy?

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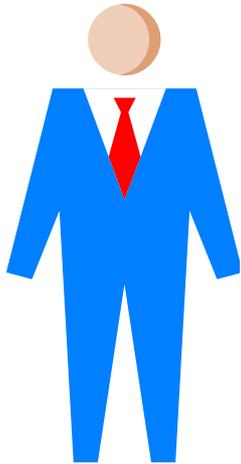


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- They have closed body language

The Test

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

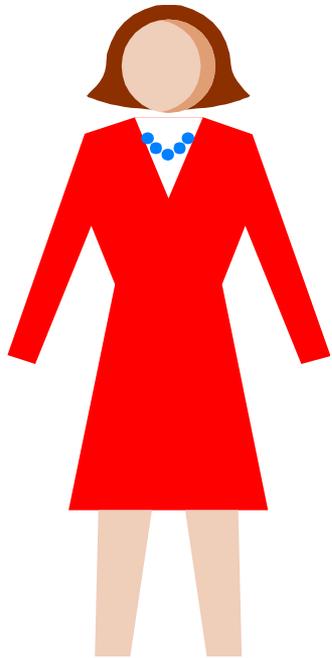
**(Don’t ask Alice this.
She’ll probably lie.)**

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

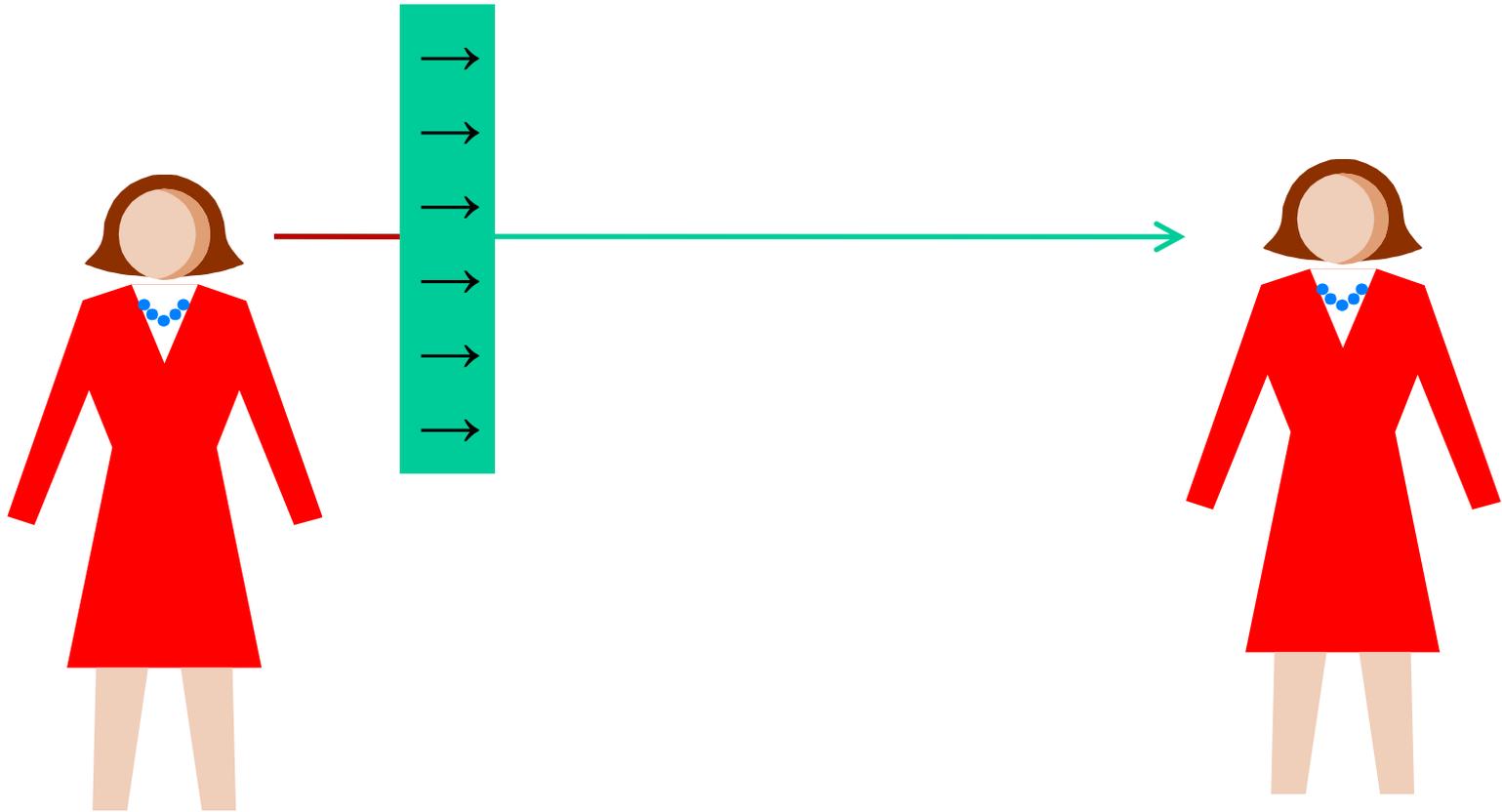
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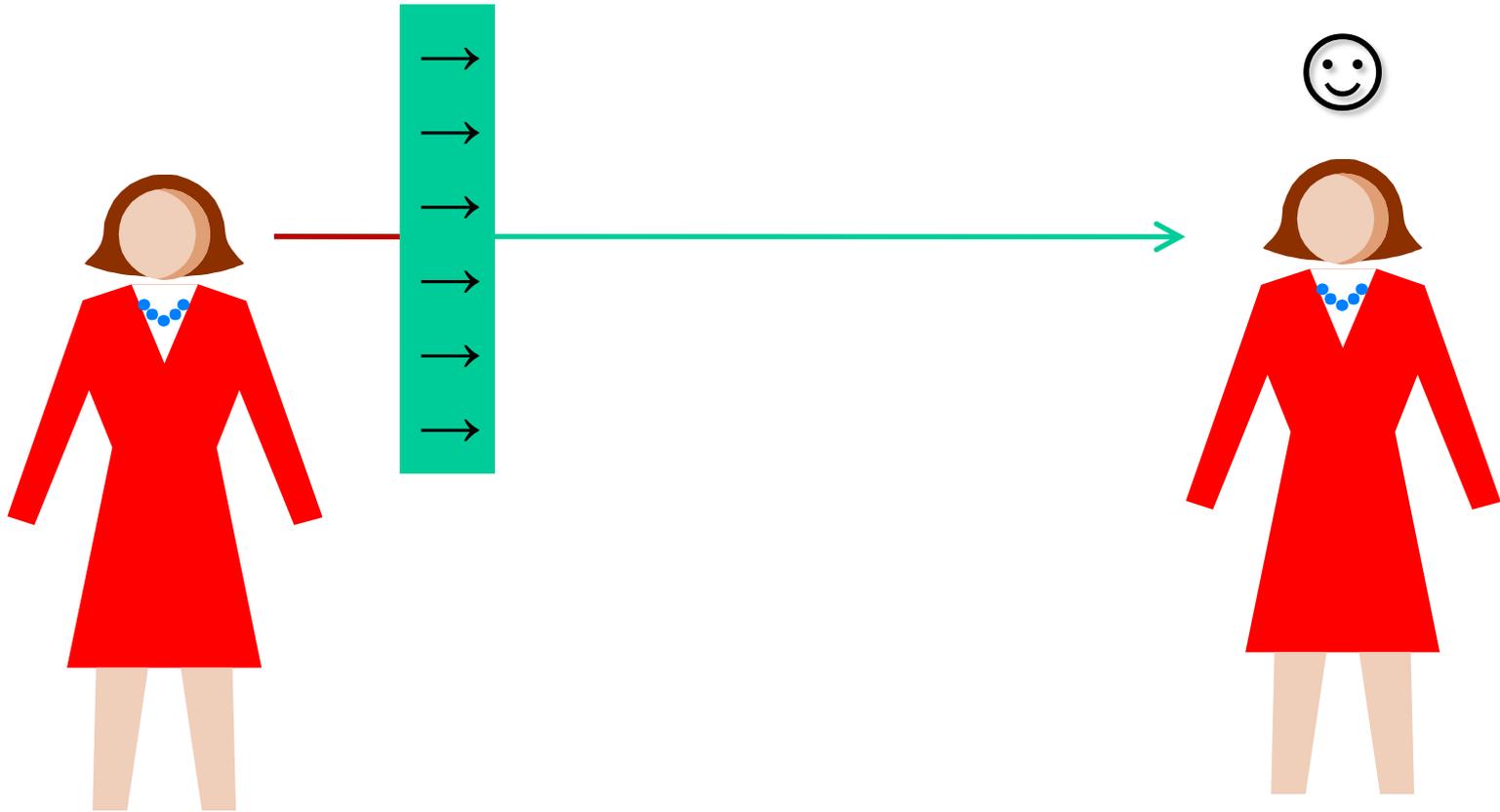
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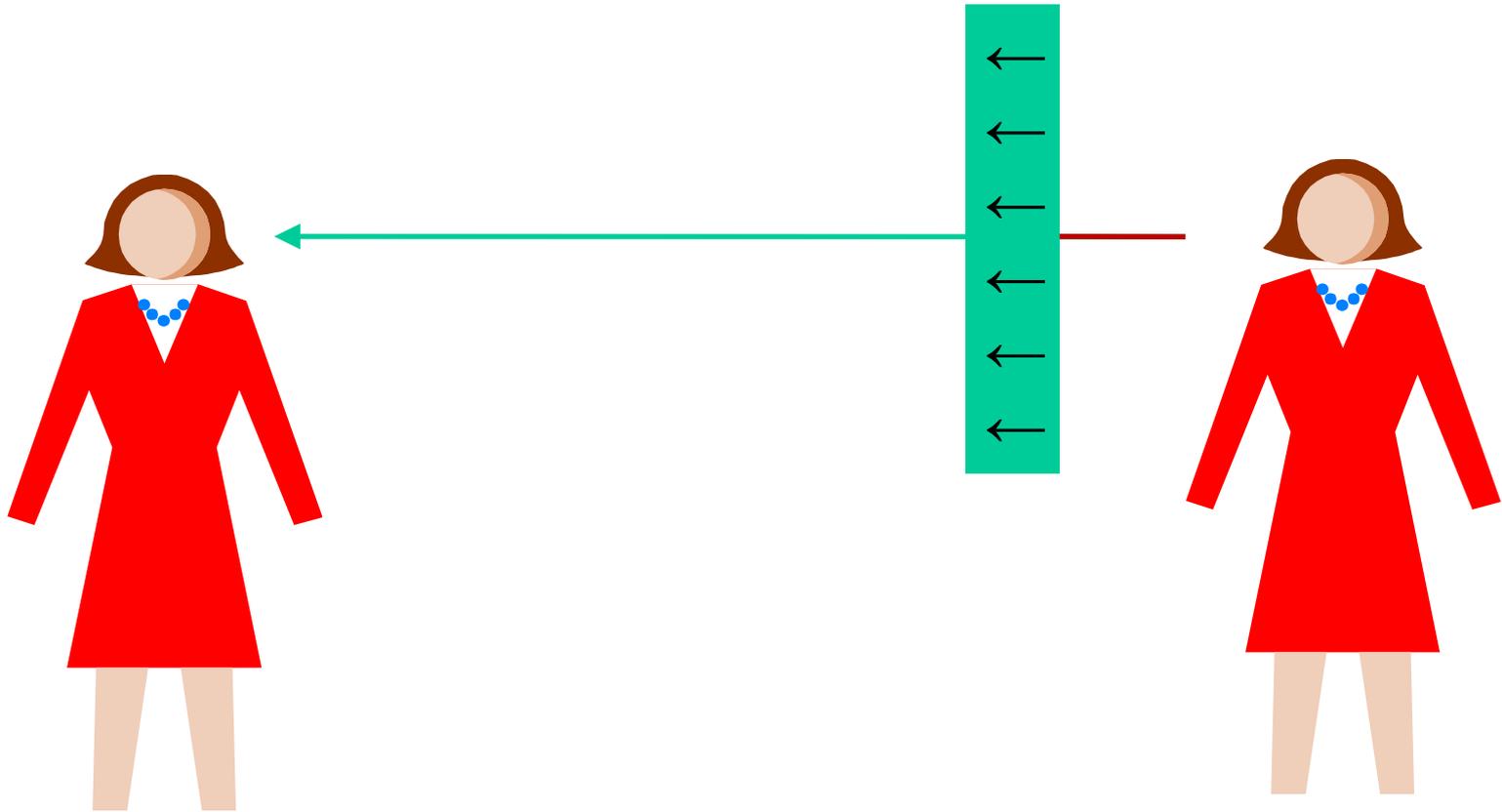
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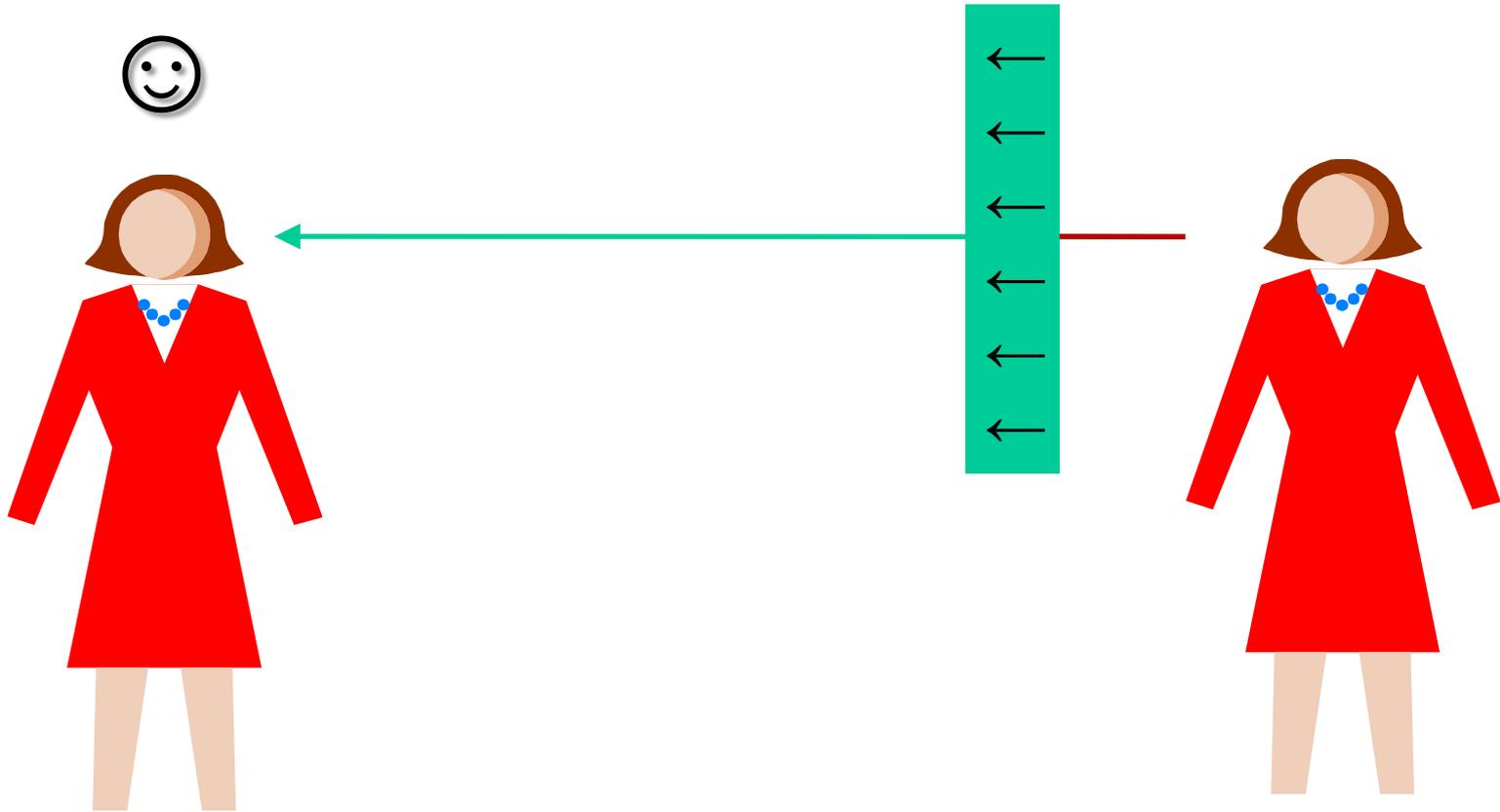
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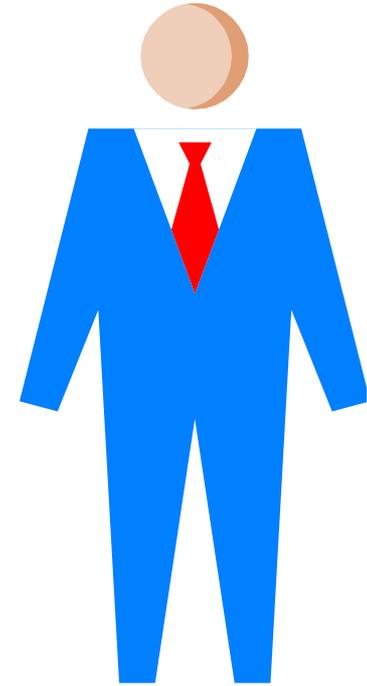
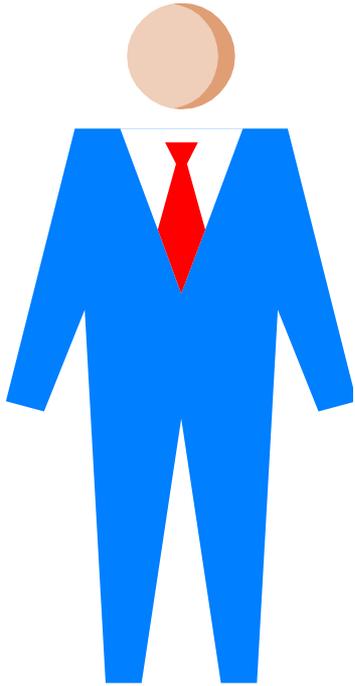
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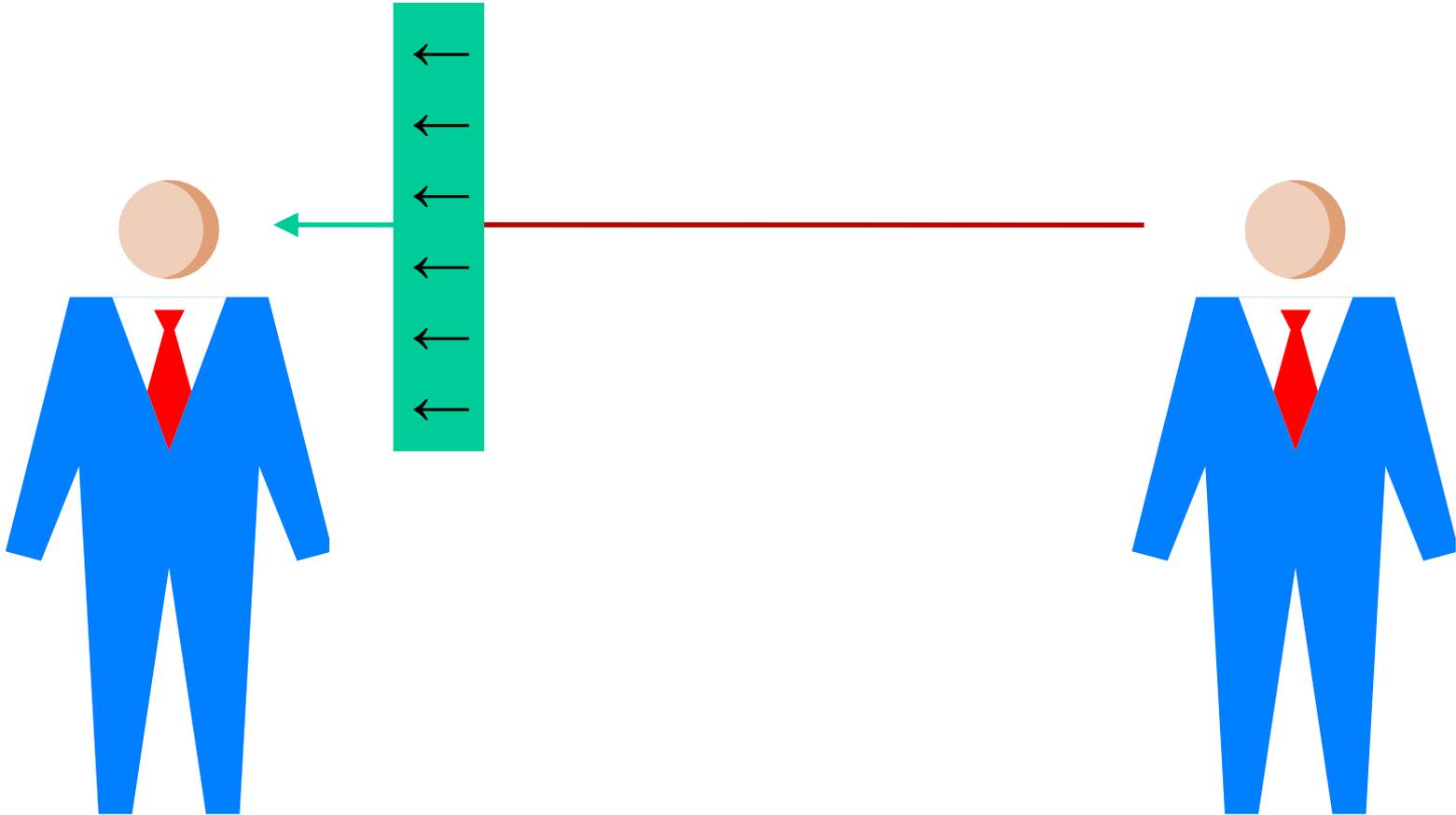
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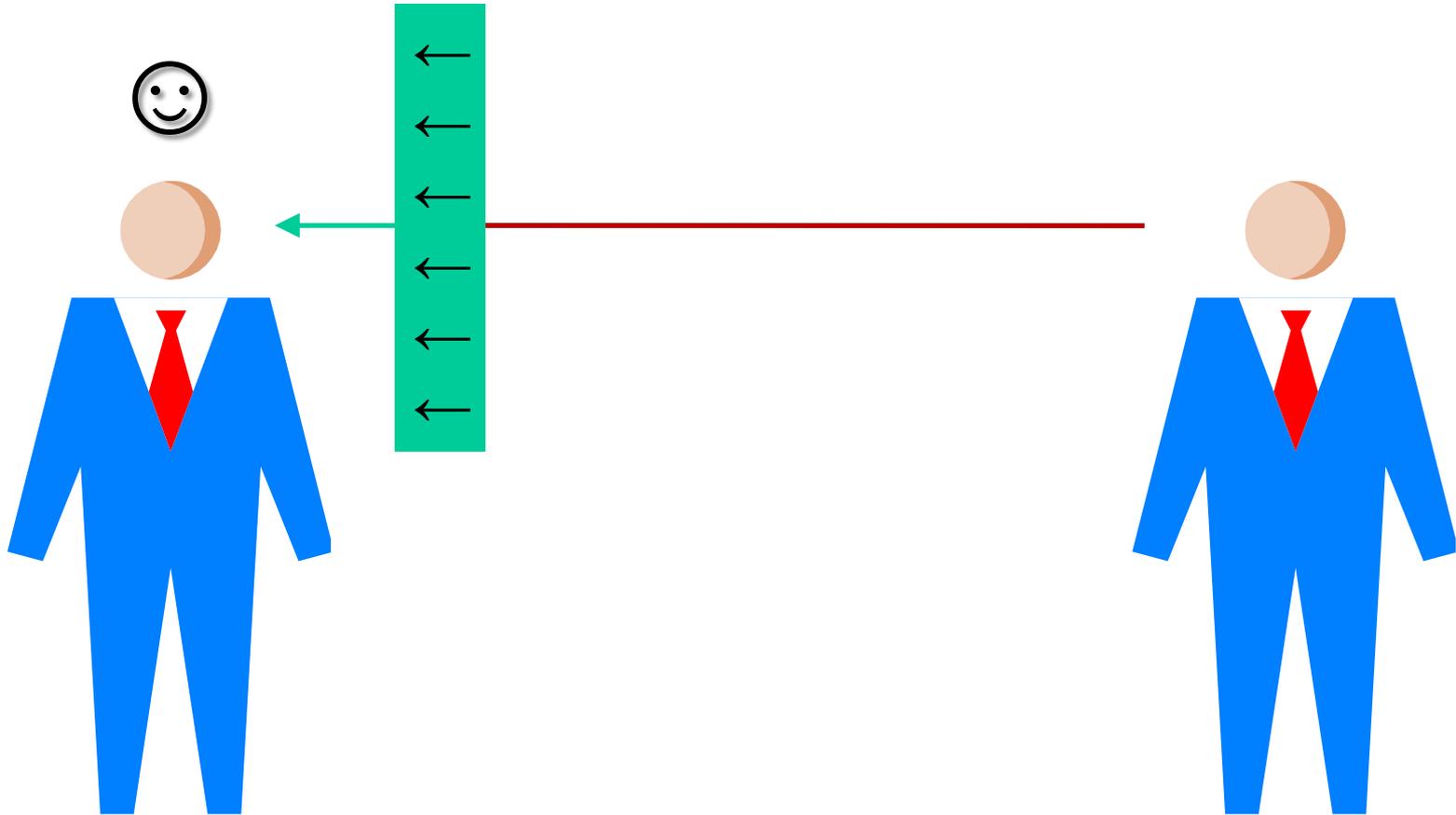
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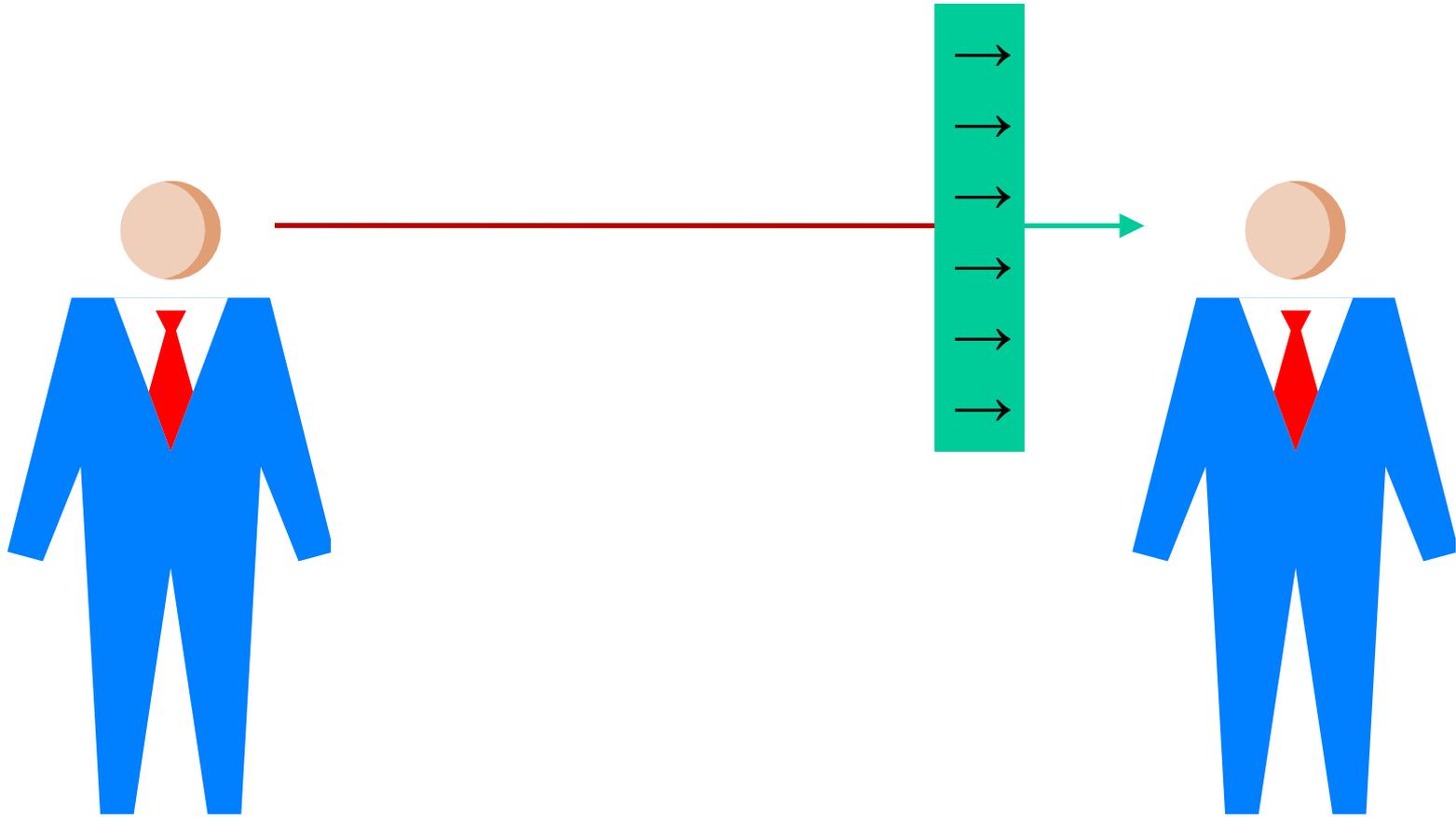
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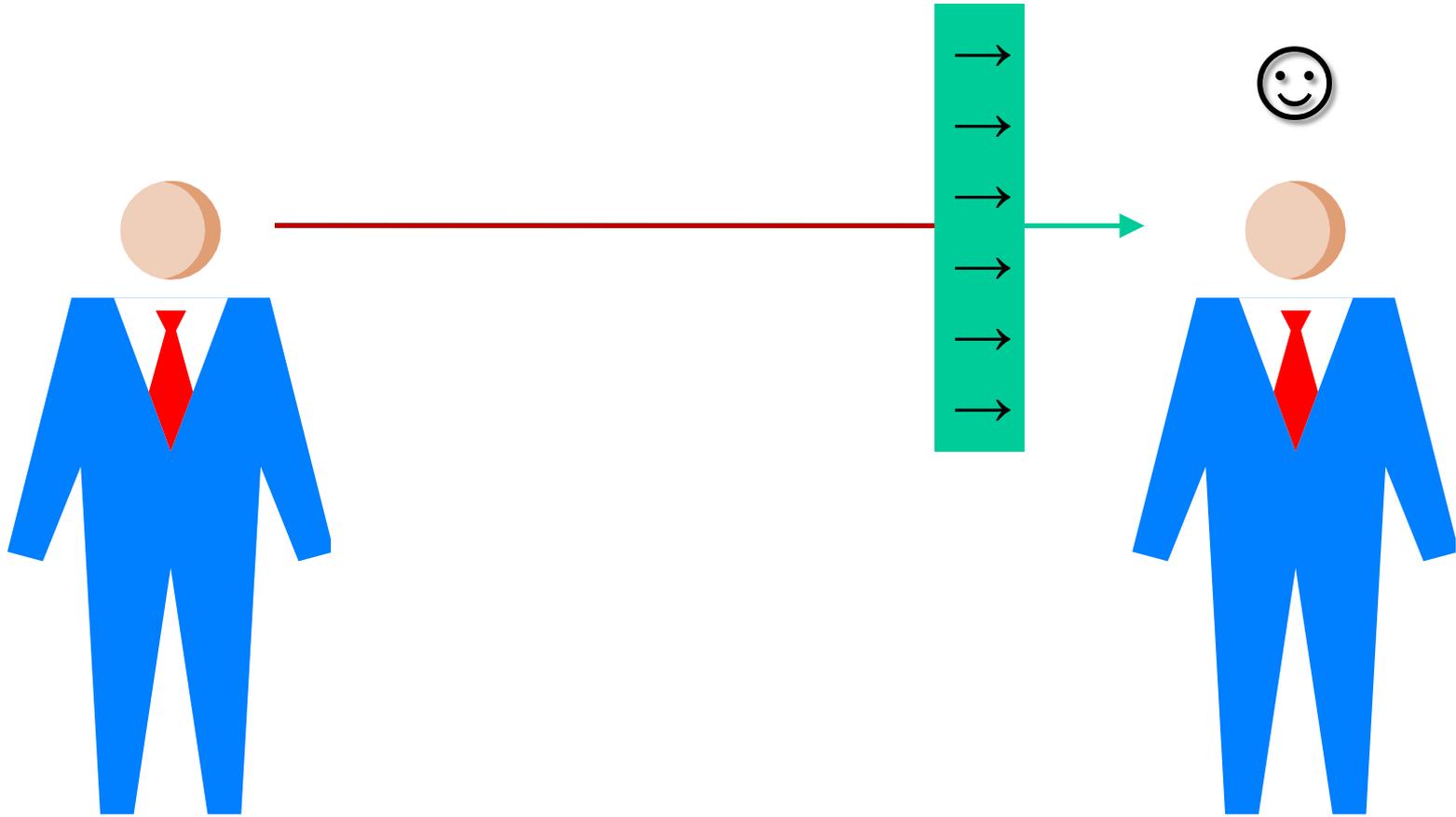
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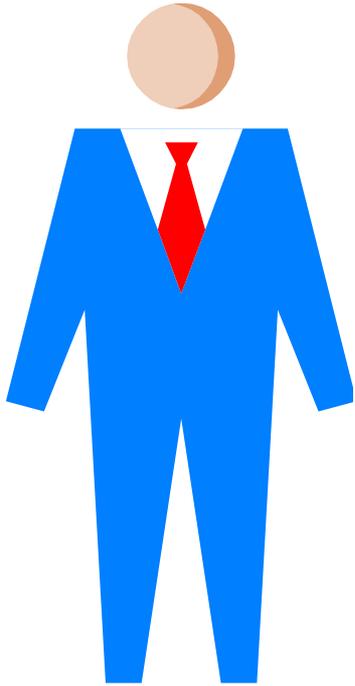
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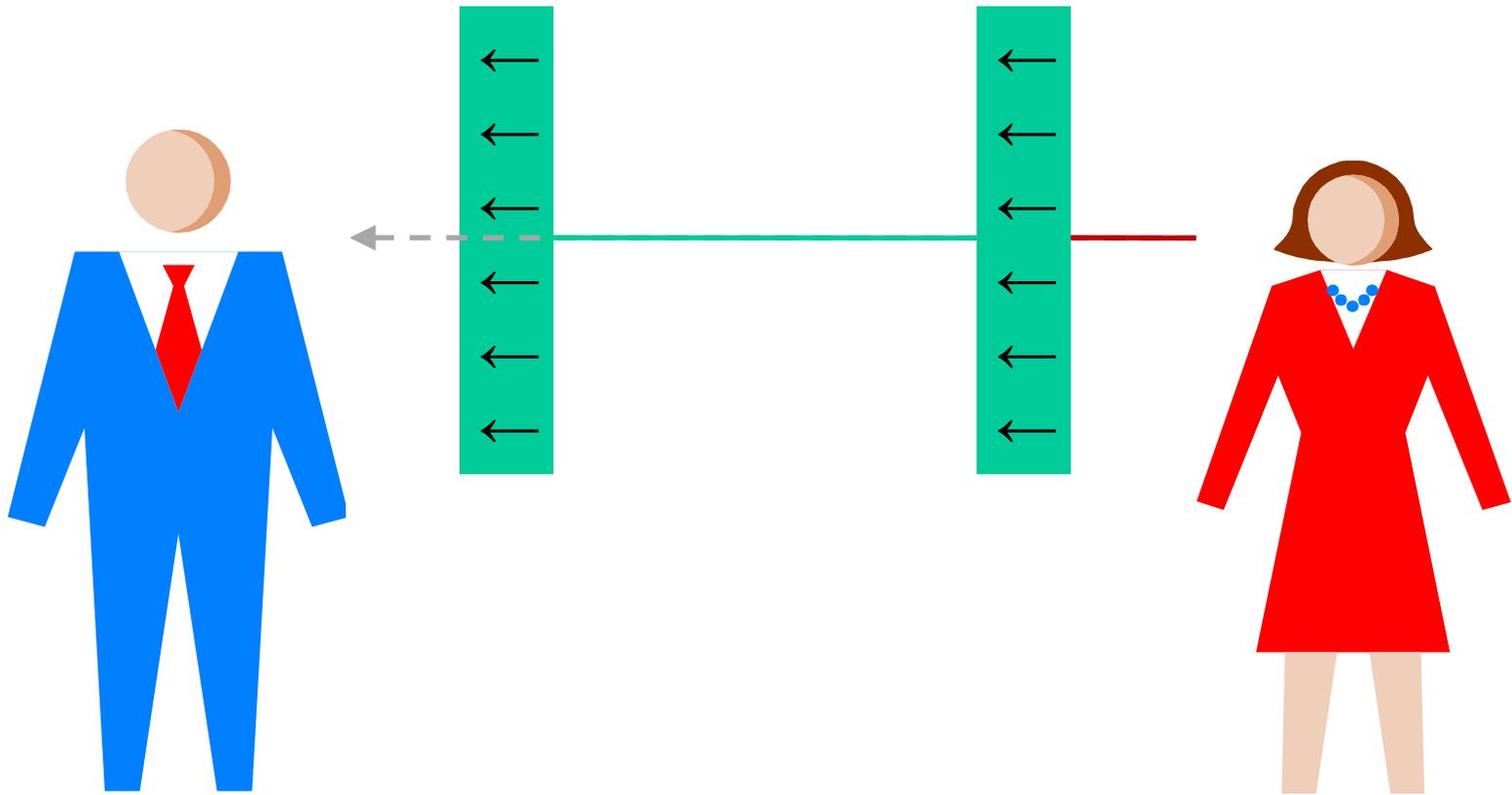
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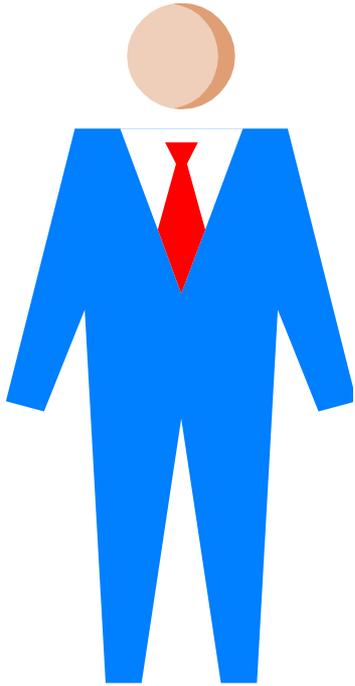


Tip for “Alice”

**It’s okay
to be direct.**



Tip for “Bob”



Be a word ninja.

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<http://dontbecreepy.com/>