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Table 1

*Students' Verbal Responses*

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<tr>
<th>Student</th>
<th>Verbal Responses</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lucy</td>
<td>I enjoy drawing</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mark</td>
<td>The activity was fun</td>
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<tr>
<td>Saul</td>
<td>Need to add other activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jen</td>
<td>It was boring</td>
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*Figure 1. Students’ initial seating arrangement.*

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