

STIMULATING SPOKEN INTERACTION THROUGH IMPROVISATIONAL DRAMA

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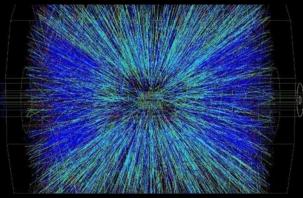
AGENDA

- Exploding Atom
- What are drama techniques?
- Research
- Fortunately/Unfortunately
- I have to go
- 3-Word Sentences
- Tableau
- Conscience Alley
- Wallet Stealing

EXPLODING ATOM

Think of a monster and imagine you are that monster. If you agree with the statement, stay close to your computer. The less you agree, move further away from your computer.

- Monsters are misunderstood.
- I like eating brains.
- Monsters have a lot of power.



https://www.indiatimes.com/technology/scienc e-and-future/this-is-what-an-exploding-atom-loo ks-like-when-it-burns-and-reveals-its-innermost-se crets-355469.html

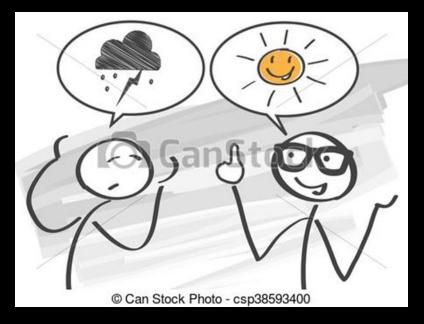
See how the activity works in person:

• <u>https://dbp.theatredance.utexas.edu/content/exploding-atom</u>

FORTUNATELY/UNFORTUNATELY

The first person starts with 'Fortunately...' The next person continues as the same person with 'Unfortunately...

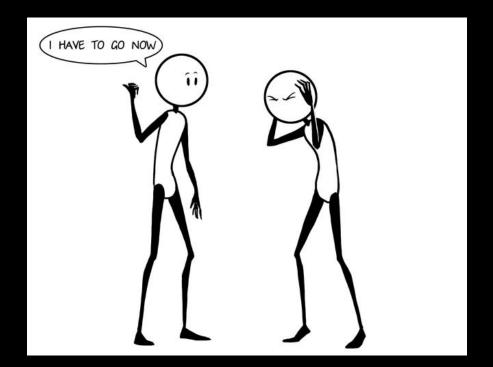
Zum Glück/leider Fortunately/unfortunately Afortunadamente/desafortunadamente Heureusement/malheureusement



THE ESSENCE OF DRAMA IS...

• ...conflict!

A: I have to go./B: I want you to stay. A: Me tengo que ir./B: Quiero que te quedes. A: Ich muss gehen./B: Ich möchte das du bleibst. A: Je veux m'en aller./B: Je veux que tu restes.



https://www.healthline.com/health/ulcerative-colitis/would-understand#1

WHAT IS AN IMPROVISATIONAL DRAMA TECHNIQUE (IDT)?

- 1. Participants take on roles in fictitious situations.
- 2. Spontaneous spoken interaction is elicited.



https://www.csdb.org/article/school-deaf-drama-class/

WHY MIGHT WE NEED DRAMA IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (FL) CLASSROOMS?

- A grammar-oriented, textbook approach dominates Dutch secondary school FL curricula (SLO, 2015), despite a well-established research base for Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) (Brandl, 2008; Dornyei, 2013; Richards and Rodgers, 2014).
- Activities to promote speaking, particularly spoken interaction, are often neglected (De Graaff, Goodnight & Nelson 2018; Fasoglio & Tuin, 2017; Van Batenburg, 2018).
- Students seldom speak the target language (Haijima, 2013; West & Verspoor. 2016).



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THE MASK

- IDTs distinguish themselves from other types of speaking activities in that learners can temporarily hide behind a (figurative) mask.
 - Sağlamel & Kayaoğlu, 2013; Atas, 2015; Arts, 2020
- Weber (2019) noted that increased speaking in drama activities appeared to carry over into other classroom interactions as well.



https://www.bol.com/nl/p/wit-drama-theater-comedy-tragedy-masker-op-u w-auto-toneel-liefhebbers-15-2-x-9-7-cm-aut-112/9200000109991256/

HOW CAN IDTS HELP?

IDTs can stimulate **positive affective reactions** related to spoken interaction. The studies cited below include data from 6 continents and classrooms ranging from primary school to university:

- lowering anxiety and promoting self-confidence (Atas, 2015; Dunn & Stinson, 2012; Galante, 2018; Rothwell, 2012; Sağlamel & Kayaoğlu, 2013);
- stimulating enjoyment (Adebiyi & Adalabu, 2013);
- engaging students (Kao & O'Neill, 1998; Ntelioglou, 2012);
- cultivating creativity (Even, 2011; Gallagher, 2007);
- engendering group bonding (Palechorou, 2012; Reed & Seong, 2013); and
- building **empathy** (DiNapoli, 2007)

3-WORD SENTENCES

 Our grandmother is turning 100! We would like to have a party for her. First we need to brainstorm. We need to consider the location, food, presents, decorations, etc. In our family we can speak many languages, but we can only speak in 3-word sentences...

Bijvoorbeeld...

- Mit einem Kuchen!
- Seulement un gâteau ?
- Y mucho vino...
- But she's old!



TABLEAU

The performers freeze in a tableau. The audience members come up with the speech/thought bubbles.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZM1aNIGIUt4

Bekijk het filmpje: <u>https://dramaresource.com/tableaux/</u>

DOCTOR KNOW-IT-ALL

- Participants sit in a row.
- The sentence always begins with the participant on the left.
- Each participant may only say one word at a time.
- The audience asks questions, because Dr. Know-it-All knows everything!



CONSCIENCE ALLEY

Tu es nicht!

Ne fais pas ça !

Don't do it!

¡No lo hagas!

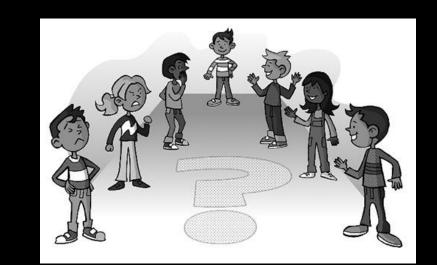
Watch the video: https://dramaresource.com/conscience-alley/

Tu es!

Faire ça !

Do it!

¡Haz lo!



https://dramaresource.com/conscience-alley/

WALLET STEALING

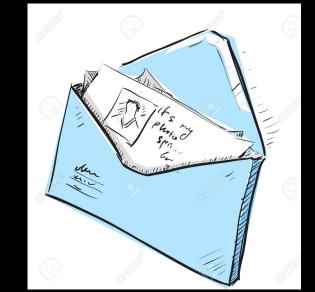
- Decide who is A and who is B.
- Partner A's wallet was stolen. Partner B is the police official who makes the sketch.
- Carry out the activity.
- Then switch roles!



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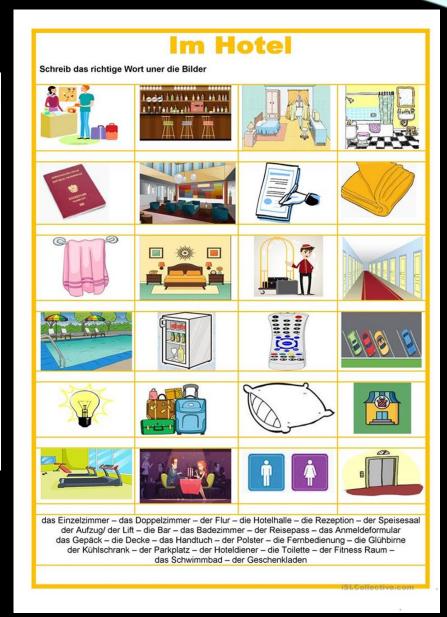
THE LETTER

- 1. Each of you has received a letter in the post.
- 2. Read the letter in your head (don't read it aloud).
- 3. Respond to the contents of the letter with your facial expressions, breathing, body language, gestures, etc.





	SALÓN	CC	TARJETAS DE CRÉDITO
M	TRANSPORTE AEROPUERTO	P	APARCAMIENTO
Ħ	JACUZZI	5	SAUNA
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https://de.islcollective.com/deutsch-daf-arbeitsblatter/wortschatz/reiseunterkunft/bilderworkschatz/reiseunterkunft/bilderwo uch-im-hotel/111441

Questions?



https://www.cttsonline.com/2019/06/07/questions-entrepreneurs-need-to-ask-to-succeed/

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