

Role play in communication skills

Role play is an initiative undertaken for oral communication in classrooms or public speaking improvement oriented groups in order to improve the oral and the (English Speaking) the communication skills of a learner. It provides the learner to.

- Communicate freely.
- Spontaneously.
- Confidently in different situations.

Most interactions in our day to day lives are not engaging. As a result the audience i.e., the speaker and the listener tend to lose interest in the conversation. Thus to make a conversation interesting, a role play conversation methodology is adopted in order to make the communication more informative, and amusing.

Dialogue follows a flow of prompt responses, reactions as well as the audience seems to get surprised resulting in a memorable conversational experience.

There are various kinds of role plays for children that a teacher needs to engage for a better communication

E.g., pushing a doll in a pram, becoming a super hero, having an adult conversation on a toy phone. Acting out these role plays may enhance the capability and intellect of a child. There are four types of role plays:

1. Literate
2. Semi literate

3. Literate

4. Advanced literate.

Role play is like creating a story with two or more people. The only difference is that one character explains all the characters. It also helps in writing skills as well as creativity.

Uses of Role Play

Following are the uses of role play:

Role play is the act of imitating the character and behavior of some one who is different from yourself. E.g., a group of members have to communicate with the heads of their concerned organization, in order to be perfect during their presentation or performance they need to rehearse or present a dress rehearsal for the same. Such kind of activity engaged by the group in order to perform better becomes an act of role play where one of the leaders enacts. The role of someone else by reproducing the exact scene to be witnessed later.

- It helps in emotional feed back
- It helps in better physical performance
- It helps in confidence building
- It generates camaraderie between colleagues

- It generates an environment of social responsibility and equity among the group
- It enhances speaking skills
- It also rebuilds an atmosphere of faith and calmness in a particular situation
- For children role play is as essential as learning language
- It encourages children towards emotional development
- It enhances their language development
- It also enhances their physical development
- Children learn to empathize with others
- It creates environment fun and pleasure
- It also encourages children to look at other perspectives of life

Another word for role play is acting

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Role plays: JOBS

You fell in love with one of your co-workers. You've been thinking a lot how to tell him about it. Now you've at last decided to reveal your feelings to him.



One of your co-workers is constantly gossiping about you. You are furious and fed up with it. Talk to her.



Your boss is a very angry and greedy person. You've been hardworking and responsible. You feel you deserve a promotion. Talk to him.



You are a boss of the company. One of your relatives is working for you. You've been told that he is very lazy and does nothing at work. Talk to him.



You have caught one of your employees watching the photos of nude models on his computer while working. Talk to him.



You have noticed that one of your co-workers is drinking alcohol during lunch and sometimes on the job. Talk to the worker about your concerns.



You are working with your husband in the same office. You've seen that one of your colleges (a woman) is flirting with him. Talk to your husband/or college.



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Role plays: ADVICE

Your friend is getting very drunk at the party. Tell her not to drink so much.



Your friend wants to get married. You think he is too young. Tell him what you think he ought to do.



Although you have a boyfriend, you just met someone new who is attractive to you. Ask your friend for advice.



Your friend is only 15 years old but she wants to quit school and have a baby. Give her your opinion.



Your friend is always in need of money. Tell him what he needs to do to get his financial problems under control.



Your friend has been gaining a lot of weight. Tell him what he should do about it.



You suspect that your partner may be cheating on you but you are not certain. Ask a friend what should you do.



Your friend is in this country illegally. He is having trouble finding work. Give him some advice.



Your friend is having problems with her teenage child. Tell your friend what you would do in this situation.



Role plays: HEALTH

You are having an exam tomorrow. Today you woke up with a red rash and a lot of pimples on your face. You are in panic and don't know what to do. Consult your friend.



You had a fight in the bar yesterday and you have four of your front teeth knocked out. You are having a very important date this evening. Consult someone what you should do.



You've become very absent-minded. You think your memory is getting worse and poor. Your friend has called you now but you can't remember her name and who she is.



You've come to the dentist because you are having a toothache. The doctor accidentally has pulled out the wrong tooth. You are shocked. Make a scandal with him/her.



Your friend is overweight, does not exercise and smokes a lot. Tell him you are concerned about his health.



You are pregnant and are feeling nauseous every time you eat. Consult a doctor.



You are having a deep depression. Your life seems sad and hopeless to you. Consult a doctor.



You are having a very important presentation in an hour but you've been having a stomach ache and diarrhea since this morning. Consult your friend.



You are losing your hair and are afraid of going totally bald. Consult a doctor.



Role plays: Parents-children

Your daughter is always making a mess in her room and refuses to clean it. She is very untidy. Talk to her about this.



Your son wants to get married, but you think his fiancée is very arrogant, double-faced and unprincipled. You are against his marriage. Talk to him.



Your 17-year-old daughter is pregnant. She doesn't want the baby. Her uncle has not to have an abortion.



Your child has made a tattoo, shaved her head, and pierced different parts of her body. Talk to her about this.



You are 70 years old. Your children have decided to move into your apartment. They want you to live in the Old People's home. You refuse.



You are 24 years old. Your parents think you should start living on your own and leave their house, but you enjoy living at home and not paying rent.



You are a 13-year-old child and want to know how you were born. Ask your mom a lot of questions. You want to know how you were born.



You've been dressing up as a girl for a long time, but your parents want you to be a boy. Talk to them.



Your parents presented you a birthday tablet. You've won \$100,000. They want all the money, but you have your own plans how to spend it. Talk to them.



Role plays: COMPLAINTS

You bought an article of clothing. You washed it once and it has shrunk. Bring it back to the shop.



You bought a new car but you have had several problems with it. Tell the dealer you want your money back.



You buy a gold chain from very expensive shop. After wearing it for several months, it turns your neck green. Bring it back to the store.



Your neighbors are having a big party. It's two o'clock in the morning. Go next door and complain about the noise.



You are at a movie theatre and the person in front of you is wearing a very large hat. Ask the person to take it off.



Your neighbor has a very noisy dog. It barks day and night whenever she lets it out into the backyard. Complain to her about this.



The person sitting next to you in the library has a cold and constantly coughing and sneezing. The library is very crowded. Tell the librarian to ask that person to leave.



Your neighbors are always leaving a lot of garbage in the street near your house. Complain about this.



Your next door neighbor is always sunbathing in the nude. You can see him from your yard. Complain to him about this.



Situations at the hotel - Role play

STUDENT A:

You want to connect your laptop to the internet in your room. You'd like to go to bed and check your e-mails from there.



STUDENT B:

The internet connection isn't working at the moment. It isn't possible to connect to the internet at the hotel right now, but there is a free Wi-Fi hotspot down the road.



STUDENT A:

You would like to leave your passport and traveller's cheques at the reception.



STUDENT B:

There is a safe at reception for the guests. It costs £5 a day.



STUDENT A:

You want to change rooms. You prefer a room with a view, not one facing a wall.



STUDENT B:

There are no rooms with a view available at the moment. There is a junior suite with a superb view, but it costs £150 more than the normal rooms.



STUDENT A:

You want to pay the bill with your Visa card. You haven't got enough cash.



STUDENT B:

You are glad to accept all kinds of credit cards, but there is a fee of £5 per booking.



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