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Up!

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The following cards provide topics for oral work/improvisation in the classroom. This drama game is played by three pupils at a time – one is a Listener and the other two are Speakers. The three pupils sit on chairs which all face the same way in a row facing the audience, the Listener in the middle with the Speakers on either side.

The Speakers randomly select a topic card from the cards in this pack. This is the topic that they must speak about. The three pupils take their places on the chairs.

When the game starts, both Speakers begin to talk to the Listener about their chosen topic. They both speak at the same time as they are trying to get the attention of the Listener. The game could initially last for thirty seconds at a time and as the pupils become more proficient, the game could be lengthened to one minute.

The object of the game is for both Speakers to gain the attention of the Listener by speaking to him/her about their topic. The Listener, the teacher or the audience could decide at the end which Speaker gained the most attention from the Listener.

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RULES

- The Speakers and the Listener must stay on their chairs
- The Speakers cannot touch the Listener
- The Speakers cannot shout in order to get the attention of the Listener

Pupils need to be reminded that you want to hear them speak as they attempt to gain the attention of the Listener (even though they are both speaking at the same time!), so it will not work if they just laugh their way through the improvisation.

The aim of the game should be on fluency of thought and speech and the ability of the Speakers to sometimes speak confidently about something they either don't like or know nothing about.

Most of all, this improvisation game should be great fun!

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You're talking about:

Dancing

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You're talking about:

Teachers

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You're talking about:

Homework

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Swimming

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You're talking about:

Sisters

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Brothers

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Babies

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Clothes

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**School
Uniforms**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Snow

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Going to
the Dentist**

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You're talking about:

Reading

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Art

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Shopping

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Being Sick

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Football

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

TV

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Tablet
Computers**

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You're talking about:

Music

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

School

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

My Mum

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

My Dad

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Flowers

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Weekends

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Bad
Drivers**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Going on
Holidays**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Keeping
Secrets**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Money

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Going to
the Cinema**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**My Favourite
Food**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Hallowe'en

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Christmas

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Flying in an
Airplane**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Sweets

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Hospitals

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Pets

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Haircuts

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Shoes

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Computers

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

The Zoo

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You're talking about:

Friends

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You're talking about:

Telling Lies

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You're talking about:

Telling Jokes

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Hurling

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Cooking

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Cats

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Cleaning
Up**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Fighting

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**If I Won
the Lotto**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Cycling

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Bedtime

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

At the Beach

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**My
Granny**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Getting into
Trouble**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

**Showing
Off**

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Surfing

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Birthdays

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Saturdays

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Dreams

Listen Up!

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You're talking about:

Surprises