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The following cards can be used for a role play/improvisation game in the classroom. The setting for the improvisation is a party. Pupils work in groups of 4/5 with one pupil acting as the party Host. The “Host” leaves the group while the other pupils randomly select a guest card from the pack. Each of the other pupils then takes on that role at the party.

The rest of the class, acting as the audience, should also be unaware of the characteristics of the party guests so that, they too, should be engaged in trying to work out who each character is.

Once the guests have been established, the Host returns and the improvisation game can begin.

First, the Host pantomimes getting ready for the party, then the first guest “knocks” on the door. The Host lets him/her inside and they begin to interact. A new guest will arrive in about sixty seconds, so that in a very quick amount of time the Host will be interacting with three/four different “guest characters”. The guests can also interact with each other.

The Host has to try to figure out the identity/characteristic of each guest. However, this isn't just a guessing game. The guests should offer discreet clues that become more and more obvious as the improvisation game continues. The main point of the activity is to generate humour and to develop quirky, unusual characters.

The improvisations don't really need any special equipment or props – you just need a space in the classroom.

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The emphasis should be on the party being as close to reality as possible (despite there being quirky characters present!) Pupils need to be reminded that you want to hear them speak as they act out the scenario at the party, so it will not work if they just laugh their way through the improvisation.

The aim of the improvisation should be on getting a conversation going and the ability of both the Host and the guests to “think on their feet” in reacting to each other.

Most of all, this improvisation game should be fun!

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1



You don't like making eye contact when speaking to someone else.

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2



You speak in a foreign accent. (the country is your choice)

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3



You are
claustrophobic
(you don't like
enclosed spaces).

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4



You love using
lots of gestures
when you are
speaking.

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5



You are really a wizard/witch.

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6



You repeat everything you say twice.

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7



You think you are
a cowboy/cowgirl
from the Wild
West.

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8



You only say
“yes” or “no” to
everything.

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9



You think you
are a comedian.

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10



You always
agree with
everything.

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11



You pause a lot
in the middle of
sentences.

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12



You're itchy for
some unknown
reason.

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13



You think that
you are a cat.

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14



You are afraid of
everybody.

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15



You break into
tears very easily.

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16



You need to feel
that you are the
centre of
attention.

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17



You always interrupt whoever is speaking.

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18



You use the word “like” a lot when you are speaking.

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19



You are a busybody
who loves sharing
gossip with
everyone.

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20



You are terrified
of catching germs
from everything
you touch.