

Talk a Lot

Work

Role Plays:

1. "This company's not made of money!"

Place: Your boss's office
Time: 10.44am
Characters: You and your boss
Situation: You haven't had a pay rise for two years. You work hard and do plenty of overtime, so after a lot of thought you decide to pluck up courage to ask your boss for a pay rise

Scenes: i) You ask your boss for a pay rise. They don't make a decision but ask you to come back at 4pm with a list of ten good reasons why they should give you a pay rise
ii) It's 4pm and you return to see your boss. You read out your list but they still don't want to give you a pay rise. In fact, they ask you to do more overtime
iii) One hour later you are in the lift going to the ground floor. Your boss gets in as well, eating a salmon baguette. You are alone together. Suddenly they begin choking on a piece of salmon. Do you help?

If there are three people in the group the third character could be:

- a) Your boss's secretary
- b) A colleague at work who doesn't like you and also wants a pay rise

2. "How could you do a thing like that?"

Place: The staff canteen at your workplace
Time: 5.40pm
Characters: You and a work colleague
Situation: At the end of a very long day you go into the staff canteen to get your sandwich box from the fridge

Scenes: i) You witness a colleague stealing money from the employees' holiday fund tin. You know that they have got financial problems at home. They don't know that you saw them
ii) The next day everybody is talking about who could have stolen £45 from the holiday fund. You ask your colleague about it, but they say that they don't know anything about it. You tell them that you're there if they ever need to talk
iii) Your colleague comes to you and confesses. You both go to explain to your boss what happened

If there are three people in the group the third character could be:

- a) Your boss
- b) Another colleague, who is sure that you stole the money

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