

Talk a Lot

Role Play Extensions

Here are some additional situations for students to use as starting points for new role plays:

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Town:

1. At the bank: you want to take out a loan, but you have a low credit, rating so you have to try a few different banks / loan companies / loan sharks...
2. At school / college / university: you organise a field trip. On the coach you have to take charge when several students are sick. Then you are accused of stealing money from the trip fund. Did you steal it...?

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Food & Drink:

1. At a sandwich shop: it's your job to make the sandwiches, but you are very tired from a late night out and customers keep coming in to ask for more and more exotic sandwich fillings. You have to find the ingredients, or improvise with what you have...
2. In a pub: it's your 18th birthday and you are trying to get your first pint of beer from a landlord who becomes suspicious because of your youthful appearance...

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Shopping:

1. At a supermarket checkout: you want to pay for your shopping (two tins of beans) but all you have is a £20 note. There is a long queue behind you and the checkout assistant won't accept your cash because they haven't got enough change...
2. In the butcher's / bakery / greengrocer's / any shop: first, you can't find any sausages / rolls / pears / etc. Next, the sales assistant scans your shopping but you notice that they scan a few items twice by accident...

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Health:

1. At your dentist's: you make an appointment to have a tooth out. Your dentist is very chatty but it's hard to reply with your mouth full of instruments. Afterwards you discover that they have taken out the wrong tooth...
2. At a pharmacy: you need some sachets of cold relief powder. You want blackcurrant flavour, but all they have on display are lemon flavoured ones. The sales assistant is reluctant to go and check whether they have any blackcurrant flavoured sachets...

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Transport:

1. On the street: you are cycling to work when a car runs into you. You are OK, but your new bike is broken beyond repair. The driver refuses to accept responsibility for the accident, even though it was their fault...
2. In a taxi: you are on a long journey with a very boring taxi driver who tells you endless stories about the celebrities that he has had in the back of his cab. To stop him from boring you to death, you tell him that you are also a celebrity – in Belgium – and make up stories about why you are famous...

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Family:

1. At a family reunion: first, you find that you don't recognise many of the people there because you haven't seen them for so long; you end up getting lots of their names wrong. Then, you are surprised when you meet your uncle's new wife, who is the same age as you, i.e. less than half his age...
2. It's Christmas Day: first, you don't get the presents that you wanted; then, you have to break up a fight between your niece and nephew over who gets to play on the new games console...

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Clothes:

1. At home: you agree to give away some of your old clothes to charity. Your partner or roommate gets to work sorting them out and, without your knowledge, gives away some of your very best clothes...
2. At work: you have to wear a new uniform, but you hate it – both the design and the colour. It makes you look awful. You try different ways of improving it, much to the annoyance of your manager...

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Work:

1. At work: it's your first day in a new job. You accidentally break a valuable vase in your boss's office. You try to cover up what happened but the office gossip hears about it...
2. At the careers adviser's office: you discuss your CV and skills with the careers adviser. They decide that you should apply for a boring office job and tell you to apply for four jobs that they find online. However, you have always had a burning ambition to become a professional wrestler...

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Home:

1. On your driveway at home: you are washing your car, when you find a scratch and a small dent on the side. You confront your son or daughter, who borrowed the car last night to go to a party, but they are hiding somewhere in the house. You have to look in every room...
2. At home: you have just moved into a new flat and you throw a fantastic flat-warming party to celebrate. It's interrupted halfway-through when the person who lives downstairs bangs on the door and asks you to turn down the music...

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Free Time:

1. At a football match: you are in a large crowd at a match between City and United. You are supporting your beloved City but it seems that you are in the wrong part of the stadium and everybody around you is passionately supporting United...
2. At a travel agent's: you are trying to decide on a holiday destination but your friend or partner just can't make up their mind...

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