

Role-Playing #2

Role-playing: An activity in which people do and say things while pretending to be someone else or while pretending to be in a particular situation.

Try your best to keep a straight face and maintain your composure. Try to keep the dialogue going for as long as you can.

Role-playing Scenarios:

1.) You are at the duty free shop, shopping for a gift for your significant other, but are unsure of what to buy and you are running out of time. Ask for some assistance.

Person #1: English-speaking clerk.

Person #2: Foreigner.

Tips:

Tips for Person #1: Be polite and patient. Ask questions about what his/her significant other enjoys.

Tips for Person #2: Your wife is picky and likes expensive things; she is also a fan of brand names.

2.) You check into your hotel only to find that your room isn't what you were promised online.

Person #1: Hotel Guest.

Person #2: Front Desk Clerk

Tips:

Tips for Person #1: Be polite but stern. Explain that your reservation is supposed to have a double bed, and an ocean side view.

Tips for Person #2: Remind the guest that the pictures online do not accurately reflect the actual hotel. However, you will do your best to make their stay enjoyable. Try to find a compromise.

3.) You sit down in your seat on a train after a long flight and want to relax. However, the person next to you decides to strike up a conversation.

Person #1: Exhausted traveler who wants some peace and quiet.

Person #2: Traveler who can't stop talking.

Tips:

Tips for Person #1: Answer the first few questions politely then hint that you are tired and would like some time to yourself because you are tired.

Tips for Person #2: Ask them everything about their upcoming trip: who, what, when, where, why, and how. When they hint they are not interested in small talk ask them more questions!

4.) You travel to a foreign country on business but find out last minute you have two free days to yourself until returning home. Ask the cab driver for some suggestions about where to go and why.

Person #1: Traveler on business.

Person #2: Taxi cab driver that knows the country well.

Tips:

Tips for Person #1: Be open to suggestions but let the cabbie know exactly what you are interested in.

Tips for Person #2: Choose countries you have traveled to already and pretend you are a cabbie in that country. Do your best to describe your recommendations and why.

5.) You are traveling to a foreign country with a friend. One of you thinks it's best to enjoy yourselves and spend money freely. The

other believes you should try to save money while traveling in case of unforeseen expenses.

Person #1: Wants to stay in an expensive hotel and eat in expensive restaurants.

Person #2: Wants to play it safe and stay in an inexpensive hotel and eat at cheaper restaurants to save some money.

Tips:

Tips for Person #1: Remind the other person that you are on vacation and that spending money isn't such a bad thing.

Tips for Person #2: The best things in life are free. Remind them that you will only be in the hotel to sleep, and that expensive hotels are unnecessary.

Daily Expressions & Idioms:

1.) **"The last straw":** The final problem in a series of problems that lead to making changes.

"All week my boyfriend was coming home late, and not texting me back. However, seeing a strange girl's name in his phone was the last straw before I decided to break up with him."

2.) **"Get out of hand":** When you lose control of things, they get out of hand.

"I like Sung-Jin, but his drinking is starting to get out of hand." "My girlfriend's shopping is getting out of hand."