

# Role-Playing #1

Difficulty Level: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

*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.) Your close friend has decided to get plastic surgery, and has asked you for some advice. Convince them that it is a bad idea, and that they are already beautiful.**

Person #1: Wants plastic surgery.

Person #2: Convince them otherwise.

### Tips:

**Tips for Person #1:** 1.) You never felt beautiful. 2.) It may help your career. 3.) Everyone else you know who had surgery had good results.

**Tips for Person #2:** 1.) I always thought you were very... 2.) Why the drastic decision all of a sudden? 3.) Who planted this idea in your head? 4.) Health risks associated with surgery. 5.) It's too expensive. 6.) It can become addictive.

**2.) A good friend has steadily gained weight over the winter, now that Spring has arrived politely hint that maybe they need to lose some weight.**

Person #1: Is fat.

Person #2: Tries to politely hint at their weight problem. (The point of this exercise is to not be rude, and too direct.)

### Tips:

**Tips for Person #1:** 1.) You feel good and that is most important. 2.) Being thin is not important to you. Men like big girls.

**Tips for Person #2:** 1.) Remind them about your plans to go to the beach. 2.) Men/women don't talk to her as much as before. 3.) Her wardrobe doesn't fit her well anymore.

### **3.) Your boss unexpectedly asks you to work overtime on Saturday. Make an excuse to get out of working on Saturday.**

Person #1: The boss.

Person #2: Doesn't want to work.

### Tips:

**Tips For Person #1:** 1.) Don't ask them to work Saturday...Tell them to. 2.) Stress that it is very important that they work on Saturday.

**Tips For Person #2:** 1.) You have already made important plans. 2.) Be adamant that you can't work. 3.) Try to find a compromise.

### **4.) You just joined a new social club of your choice and don't know anyone. Try your best to make some friends and learn a little bit about the social club. (Pick anything of interest: photography, cooking, ESL, art.)**

Person #1: New member at the social club.

Person #2: Long time member at the social club.

### Tips:

**Tips For Person #1:** 1.) Be polite and friendly. 2.) Introduce yourself as a new member. 3.) Remember the 5 W's (who, what when where, why.)

**Tips For Person #2:** 1.) Pretend to be knowledgeable about the social club. 2.) Be friendly and ask questions. 3.) Ask them about why they want to join?

### **5.) You just picked up a client from America at the bus terminal and are taking him/her to your company. All you know is his name**

**is Mike and he is an engineer. Make small talk with him to feel comfortable.**

Person #1: You work in South Korea and just picked him up.

Person #2: You are Mike, an American visiting South Korea on business for the first time.

### Tips:

**Tips For Person #1:** 1.) Try to be outgoing and welcoming. 2.) Ask them about their flight, where they will stay, and if they are hungry.

**Tips For Person #2:** 1.) Be excited to visit South Korea for the first time. 2.) Ask where you are going, and express that you are a little bit hungry and tired.

### Daily Expressions & Idioms:

1.) **"Small talk":** Is informal conversation that is not serious and meant to make people feel comfortable with each other. The topic is always light and never private.

*"He's my favorite delivery man. We always have a little bit of small talk before he goes on his way."*

2.) **"Hint at":** Means to give a brief or indirect suggestion about something.

*"I keep hinting at my boyfriend to buy me a new iPhone for my birthday but he just doesn't notice my suggestion."*