1. Gentleman Wakes Up

Gentleman: Oh my goodness look at the pier. It was damaged in the big storm last night. I must run to the piermaster to see how bad it is.

2. Gentleman talks to the Piermaster

Gentleman: What happened?

Piermaster: Terrible, it’s all over, the pier has been destroyed

Gentleman: Can it be repaired?

Piermaster: Aye, but it wil cost a lot of money. The estimates are £3,000.

Gentleman: We can’t let the pier die, I will raise the money.

3. Gentleman thinks to himself

Gentleman: Hmmm, how can I raise £3,000? I know, I’ll go to the mayor of Brighton and ask him

4. Gentleman goes to the mayor

Gentleman: I suppose you’ve heard what happened to the pier. We need £3,000 to repair it. It’s a huge asset to Brighton. Will the town be able to pay?

Mayor: Yes indeed it’s hugely popular and indeed an asset to Brighton, but you must demonstate to me there truly is local interest in saving it. If you can raise £300 in the community, I will supply the balance.

Gentleman: I accept the challenge, I will establish the ‘pier restoration fund’.

4. Gentleman goes to the streets of Brighton and knocks on the first door.

Gentleman: Knock knock

Householder-1: What can I do for you

Gentleman: You’ve heard what happened to the pier, I’m trying to raise money to repair it. Would you be good enough to pledge some money to the pier restoration fund?

Householder-1: I’m afraid not, my husband has just died and I’ve just had a baby, I have no money. I’m really sorrry.

5. Gentleman knocks on second door:

Gentleman: Knock knock

Householder-2: What can I do for you

Gentleman: You’ve heard what happened to the pier, I’m trying to raise money to repair it. Would you be good enough to pledge some money to the pier restoration fund?

Householder-2: Aye the pier, I know it well. Let me tell you a story about the great storm of 58 when I was a boy.

6. Householder-2 relates his story

Gentleman: That was a wonderful story, you obviously have some skin in the game. Would you commit some of your hard-earned to the pier restoration fund?

Householder-2: How much do you need?

Gentleman: How about £100?

Householder-2: Oh go on I might as well, £100 pledge it is.

Gentleman: You are very generous, I give you my thanks. You will have a special invite to the opening ceremony. Good day sir.