

Talk a Lot

Family

Role Plays:

1. “You did that on purpose!”

- Place: Your cousin’s wedding
Time: 2.35pm
Characters: You and the bride-to-be
Situation: With the wedding due to start at 3pm you are talking to your cousin’s bride-to-be, trying to calm her down because she is very nervous. She was your girlfriend ten years ago in high school but you are over her now
- Scenes: i) The bride makes you laugh and you accidentally spill your glass of red wine all over her dress
ii) You try to clean up the dress. The bride-to-be is in tears and very angry. She accuses you of being jealous that she is getting married to your cousin and says that you ruined her dress on purpose
iii) After a moment, you and the bride-to-be realise that you are still madly in love with each other. Will the wedding be cancelled?

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

- a) Your cousin
- b) The mother of the bride-to-be

2. “A mean man whose wallet rarely opened!”

- Place: The funeral of your late Uncle Charles
Time: 2.30pm
Characters: You and Charles Jnr. – Uncle Charles’s son
Situation: You have been chosen to read a speech at your uncle’s funeral. All of your family are there. They are all upset because Uncle Charles was much loved and will be greatly missed. You have just flown in from Fiji for the funeral and have been very busy with work lately, so you let your cousin, Charles Jnr., write the speech for you
- Scenes: i) Before the funeral Charles Jnr. gives you the speech moments before the funeral begins. You don’t have time to read it before going up to the front
ii) You read out the speech but as you do so it becomes clear, from the offensive language used in it, that Charles Jnr. hated his father because he had excluded him from his will. You see that the family are very offended by the speech and that your life may now be in danger
iii) Later on you confront Charles Jnr., who explains why he wrote the speech

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

- a) A family member at the funeral, who is horrified by the speech
- b) Auntie Gladys – Uncle Charles’s wife