

Talk a Lot

Town

Role Plays:

1. "Water and books do not mix!"

- Place: Your local library
Time: 5pm
Characters: You and a librarian
Situation: You are returning a book about water-skiing that you borrowed for a recent holiday. Unfortunately the book has been damaged because you were reading it *whilst* water-skiing
- Scenes: i) You try to return the book when the librarian is not looking
ii) You have to explain to the librarian why the book is damaged and *who* damaged it (you can be an imaginative liar!)
iii) The librarian goes to ask a senior librarian for advice about how much you should be charged for the damage, then returns

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

- a) *The senior librarian*
- b) *Somebody reading at the library who says "Sshh! I'm trying to read!" quite a lot*
- c) *The author of the book*

2. "Excuse me, where is the train station...?"

- Place: The market place in your town
Time: 2 o'clock in the afternoon
Characters: You and a foreign tourist
Situation: A foreign tourist stops you to ask for directions to the train station. They don't speak English very well
- Scenes: i) The tourist asks you for directions to the train station. You don't understand them well, but give them directions to the Tourist Information Centre, where they can get a map of the town
ii) Later in the afternoon: you meet the tourist again. They can't find the Tourist Information Centre. You agree to go there with them
iii) At the Tourist Information Centre you ask for train times for the tourist, but unfortunately they have now missed their train

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

- a) *Someone who works at the Tourist Information Centre*
- b) *The tourist's friend or partner*
- c) *The mayor of your town*