

200 x Improvisation Prompts

with associated drama games and exercises



All the prompts below can be used in many class, small group, duologue and solo situations to enhance creativity, on the spot actions and reactions, confidence for all ages in a drama or theatre environment

Group ideas:

1. Sit in a circle, teacher can join in. Good for confidence building with varied level of class.
 - One person chooses the number and starts with that prompts delivering the line to their left
 - Next in circle responds to their left.
 - Next in circle responds to their left etc.
 - After 2 or 3 rounds the 'starter' bring it to an end
2. Smaller groups of 6 - 9. Choose 3 actors. One, sits on a chair, one lies on the floor, one kneels down. Good for staying in the 'acting bubble'. If anyone laughs they are replaced with someone else. If all three laugh, they are all replaced!
 - One actor to choose number and deliver the prompt line
 - Other two can respond, but only one speaks at a time
 - Remember, any laughing and they're replaced
 - Try and keep the subject around the prompt line

Duologue and Solo:

1. Can be done with smaller groups in duologue pairs, good for starting/ending a class
 - Start with one of the pair choosing a number
 - Each duologue pair have a time limit (usually 1 minute)
 - Same rules apply, any laughing is immediately replaced
 - After time is up teacher says 'Freeze!'
 - Both freeze in the position in which they finish

- One comes out, and is replaced by another in exactly the same position
 - The new actor chooses a number and carries on the improvisation using the position and new prompt.
 - This is then repeated next time taking out the one who's done two improvisations
2. Solo improvisation for more advanced or older students - you can also try using 2 prompts, many work well together

Prompts

1. I like it here
2. I don't know what I'm doing here
3. I need help
4. I have to talk to you
5. I'm sorry
6. I'm here
7. I'm exhausted
8. I'm starving
9. I've solved the problem
10. I've never seen anything like it!
11. Let's get going
12. Let's try to get to the bottom of this
13. Let's put our cards on the table
14. Let's not fight anymore
15. Let's try to start over
16. Let's pretend that yesterday never happened
17. Let's try to have a good time
18. Let's do something fun today
19. Let's face the facts
20. Let's get out while we can
21. You shouldn't have come here
22. You have blood on your shirt
23. You don't know what I've been through today
24. You have some nerve
25. You didn't listen to a word I said yesterday
26. You have the wrong idea
27. You must have something to say about this
28. You're in a lot of trouble
29. You're never going to believe what just happened
30. You're the last person I thought I'd run into here
31. We need to talk
32. We were fired

33. We only have a few seconds
34. We need help
35. We're going to be fired
36. We're through
37. We're not supposed to be here
38. We're going to like this
39. We're not going to make it
40. We're never going to get out of here alive
41. Don't look at me like that
42. Don't get me started
43. Don't try to fool me
44. Don't pretend that I'm not here
45. Don't do that
46. Don't make me laugh
47. Don't leave here until you're finished
48. Don't pay attention to that
49. Don't cry
50. Don't underestimate yourself
51. This is it
52. This is good
53. This is bad
54. This is ridiculous
55. This must be the place
56. This needs work
57. This will never work
58. This looks like the answer
59. This doesn't make sense
60. This is going to be a problem
61. Who are you?
62. Who do you think you are?
63. Who died and made you boss?
64. Who gave you permission to be here?
65. Who should I make this out to?
66. Who needs me here?
67. Who let you in?
68. Who made this mess?
69. What is your name?
70. What made you come back here?
71. What is your problem?
72. What can I do for you?
73. What do you want?
74. What kind of fool do you think I am?

75. What are you going to do to me?
76. What is this?
77. What will it take to be rid of you?
78. What am I going to do with you?
79. What will it take to be rid of you?
80. What am I going to do with you?
81. Where did you come from?
82. Where do you think you're going?
83. Where will this all end?
84. Where in the world have you been?
85. Where can I go to avoid running into you?
86. Where is the money?
87. Where is my wife (husband)?
88. Where did he go?
89. Where can I catch the bus?
90. Why are you here?
91. Why don't you get lost?
92. Why can't we be friends?
93. Why did I know you'd be here?
94. Why won't you forgive me?
95. Why don't you come with me?
96. Why do I come running back to you all the time?
97. Why do bad things always happen to me?
98. Why was I fired?
99. Why didn't you call me last night?
100. Why do I always have to come looking for you?
101. Are you alright?
102. Are we ever going to speak to each other again?
103. Are all men (women) like you?
104. Are you ever going to leave?
105. Are you in the right place?
106. Are you serious?
107. Are my eyes deceiving me?
108. Are you here for good?
109. Are your parents home?
110. Are my friends here yet?
111. Is that really you?
112. Is this the right place?
113. Is your name Sam?
114. Is that all there is?
115. Is this mine or yours?
116. Is my tie on straight?

117. Is this your way of saying you're sorry?
118. Isn't this a coincidence?
119. Isn't there a place I can be alone?
120. Isn't what happened to him a shame?
121. How do you do?
122. How did you get in here?
123. How can you ever forgive me?
124. How can I make this up to you?
125. How did you do that?
126. How can we settle this?
127. How can I help you?
128. How is your mother?
129. How can I make you believe me?
130. How was your day?
131. Do you belong here?
132. Do we know each other?
133. Do you always show up when you're not wanted?
134. Do you mind?
135. Does it have to end this way?
136. Does this make sense to you?
137. Don't you have any self respect?
138. Don't you want to get going?
139. Didn't I make myself clear yesterday?
140. Didn't I see you here yesterday?
141. When did you get here?
142. When are you leaving?
143. When will you ever learn?
144. When will all this end?
145. When does the show start?
146. When will you forgive me?
147. When will you stop bothering me?
148. When can I see you?
149. When can I come back?
150. When will it be safe?
151. Have you seen my glasses?
152. Have we been here before?
153. Have I done something wrong?
154. Have you been good?
155. Have we seen the last of him?
156. Have I got two heads or something?
157. Have you had enough?
158. Have we met before?

159. Have I been sleeping all this time?
160. Have you done all your work?
161. I guess it's my lucky day
162. You will never believe what just happened
163. He won't confess
164. She doesn't want to talk to you
165. I don't need this
166. You can't be serious
167. He means business
168. She's not as bad as you think she is
169. We can only stay for a few minutes
170. They let us down
171. I'm going to call the police
172. You don't know what I've been going through
173. He said to wait here for him
174. She left about an hour ago
175. We might as well give up
176. They don't have a clue
177. I want you out of here now!
178. You don't have to stay if you don't want to
179. He likes to think he owns the place
180. She doesn't deserve to be treated that way
181. We have to do something about this
182. They left without saying goodbye
183. I'm not done yet
184. You must realise that your situation is hopeless
185. He doesn't know you're here
186. She's wasted enough of our time
187. We can't let this discourage you
188. They don't know what they're getting into
189. I'm waiting for an apology
190. You don't owe me a thing
191. She wanted me to tell you that she's ok
192. We must not let them get to us
193. They probably forgot we were here
194. I've waited here long enough
195. You may not want to hear this, but it's over
196. He warned me not to come here
197. He won't be back, so don't worry about it
198. She said to stop it now
199. We have to be quiet
200. They said to come back later

