Role plays require the students to assume an identity and think and speak in that character’s identity. For some students this is much easier than expressing themselves personally.
Procedures for Role Plays

With minor variations, procedures for Role Plays can be used with any other activity presented in this book.

1. Have two students come to the front of the classroom and take the "hot seats." Give (or have the students choose) a role-playing card, and have them follow the monitored conversation procedure as described in the introduction.

2. Divide the class into small groups of 3 to 5 students and give each group a role-playing card. Two students must engage in conversation and the other students are assigned to monitor the students who are speaking. After three minutes, the groups go over the mistakes they noticed while you circulate and answer questions, aiding and correcting. You may want to ask the students who are speaking to put their mistake cards on the desk in front of them. Then, as the students engage in the activity, you can circulate, sitting in on each group and writing the mistakes you hear on the mistake cards. After the students go over the mistakes they have found, the students read their mistake cards out loud and the entire group works on correction.

3. Group the students in pairs and ask all the students to turn their mistake cards upside down, so they will face you as you walk around the room. Give each pair a role-playing card and ask each pair to begin talking about the card. During this time, circulate, listen in on each pair, and write one or two mistakes on their corresponding mistake cards. At the end of three minutes, instruct the pairs to pass their role-playing cards to the left.

   This procedure of timing the conversations, noting the mistakes on mistake cards, and passing cards to the next pair is repeated until each pair has seen each role-playing card. Then the students can look at their mistake cards and, together with their partners, correct the mistakes that were made. You can assist in this, working with each pair.

4. Divide the students into pairs and give each pair the same (or different) role-playing cards. The students have fifteen minutes to prepare a short role play to the class. You can monitor the mistakes using the monitored conversation procedure.

5. Group the students into pairs and ask them to write a dialogue that will be presented to the class. You can use monitored conversation procedure to monitor, or you can collect the dialogues and correct them.

6. You may want to introduce selected new vocabulary before a role play or dialogue. The students can be asked to use these words in their conversation. This can be made into a game where the pair using the most new vocabulary correctly in their role play is the winner.
Advice

1. Someone is getting very drunk at a party. Tell her not to drink so much.  
   R-ad

2. Your friend was just fired from his job because of rudeness to his employer. Tell him what you think he should do.  
   R-ad

3. Your friend wants to get married. You think he is too young. Tell him what you think he ought to do.  
   R-ad

4. Your friend thinks that she is pregnant, and she comes to you for advice. What should she do?  
   R-ad

5. Your friend wants to get his nose pierced. Give him your opinion.  
   R-ad

6. You saw your neighbor slap his child. Ask your friend what she thinks you should do about it.  
   R-ad

7. Your friend looks very tired, and you know your friend could use some rest. Convince your friend to take it easy.  
   R-ad

8. Your friend is thinking about running for City Council. You don't think your friend is qualified for the position. Tell your friend that you don't think it is a good idea.  
   R-ad

9. You are studying at a very prestigious school. Your best friend would like to transfer to your school. Advise your friend on what to do to get accepted.  
   R-ad

10. Your house is infested with fleas. Call the landlady and ask her what to do.  
    R-ad

11. It is very difficult for you to pay your bills. Ask your friend to help you come up with a plan to budget and manage your money.  
    R-ad

12. Your friend is having problems with his teenage child. Tell your friend what you would do in his situation.  
    R-ad

13. You bought a new car several months ago, but now find that you are unable to make the payments. Talk to the car dealer and explain your problem.  
    R-ad

14. You are taking a trip to Europe tomorrow. You knew you had your passport, but you just can't seem to find it. Ask your travel agent what you can do.  
    R-ad

15. Two of your best friends just had a tremendous fight. Go over to the house of one of them and convince him to apologize.  
    R-ad

16. You think your best friend's wife is coming on to you sexually. Talk to another friend about your suspicions.  
    R-ad

17. Although you have a boyfriend, you just met someone new who is very attractive to you. Ask your friend for advice on what to do.  
    R-ad

18. You found out your friend is using illegal drugs. Tell him how you feel about this and give him your advice.  
    R-ad

19. You are so worried about final exams that you are physically ill. Talk to your parent about your problem.  
    R-ad

20. You parked your car in an illegal parking spot. You come out of a shop and find that it is being towed away. Find out from the policeman what you should do.  
    R-ad

21. Your house is next to the airport and the noise is driving you crazy. Ask your friend what you should do.  
    R-ad
22. Every time you go anywhere you get lost. Ask your friend what you can do.  

23. Your friends want to fly to the Caribbean for a vacation. You have never told anyone but you are terribly afraid of flying. Talk to your friends about your problem.  

24. Your friend is gay, but she has not told her parents. Next weekend you and your friend are going to be at her parents’ home for a family get-together and she is thinking about telling them at that time. Tell your friend your opinion.  

25. Your friend has been gaining a lot of weight. Tell him what he should do about it.  

26. You suspect that your partner may be cheating on you, but you are not certain. Ask a friend what you should do.  

27. Your friend wants to return to her native country because she misses her friends. Tell her what you think about that.  

28. Your roommate left for the weekend and was planning to be back Monday morning for work. It is now Tuesday night, and you are beginning to worry. Ask a friend what you should do.  

29. You are at a party and ready to go home. It’s late at night and you can’t find your keys. Tell the host of the party about your problem.  

30. By mistake, you made plans for the evening with two friends, both of whom you like. They do not, however, get along with each other. Ask another friend what you can do to remedy this problem.  

31. You have an urgent report that needs to be completed by tomorrow morning. Unfortunately, a good friend is leaving the country, and tonight is the going-away party. Talk to this friend about what you can do.  

32. Your friend is always in need of money. For the third time this week he is asking to borrow some money from you. Tell your friend what he needs to do to get his financial problems under control.  

33. You see someone going into a neighbor’s window. Ask your roommate what you should do. Should you call the police?  

34. Your friend is having trouble making new friends. Tell her what she should do.  

35. Talk to a friend about what you ought to do to help your aging parents.  

36. Your friend is worried that she might have gotten AIDS from a night of unprotected sex with a new partner. Talk to her about taking the test for HIV.  

37. You have a friend who is thinking about having sex. Advise your friend to use condoms.  

38. Your friend is considering losing his virginity. Discuss this with him.  

39. Your friend is only 15 years old but wants to quit school and have a baby. Give her your opinion.  

40. Your friend’s parents are getting divorced. Her parents have asked her if she would prefer to live with her mom or her dad. She doesn’t know what to say and comes to you for advice. Discuss this.
41. A man is standing in the street with a sign that says “Work for Food.” Talk to him about what he should do. **R-ad**

42. Your friend comes to you crying. She tells you she fell down some stairs. You believe her husband has hit her. Talk to her. **R-ad**

43. Your sibling is married but is constantly fighting with his spouse. Advise him to seek marriage counseling. **R-ad**

44. Your mom recently got divorced from your dad. She hasn't dated in twenty years. She asks you for your advice on how to find a date. **R-ad**

45. You have just received your driver's license. Talk to your friend about whether to fill out the organ donor card or not. **R-ad**

46. Your friend tells you she is going to have triplets. She is worried that she does not have the finances to bring up three babies. Discuss this with her. **R-ad**

47. The doctor has told your friend to stay in bed. When you arrive at your friend's house, you find he is not paying attention to the doctor's orders. Talk to him about this. **R-ad**

48. Your friend is planning to marry an American in order to get citizenship. She does not love him, although the American loves her. Talk to her about this plan. **R-ad**

49. Your friend is in this country illegally. He is having trouble finding work. Give him some advice. **R-ad**

50. Your friend insists on speaking her native language and refuses to try to speak English, even though she is taking English classes. Talk to her. **R-ad**

51. Recently your sibling has been hanging around with a group of people who seem rather odd. Talk to your sibling about your concerns. **R-ad**

52. Someone you know at school is bragging about having a gun. Talk to a friend about this. **R-ad**

53. You are considering getting a tattoo with the name of your significant other. Talk to a friend about this idea. **R-ad**

54. A friend tells you she met a wonderful person on the Internet. Your friend is making plans to meet this person. Talk to your friend about your concerns. **R-ad**

55. You are worried that your friend is exercising too much and becoming quite thin. Your friend never seems to eat anything. Approach your friend about your suspicions of an eating disorder. **R-ad**

56. You go into the school bathroom after lunch and hear a classmate vomiting. She tells you that this is how she is losing weight. Tell her what you think she should do. **R-ad**

57. A friend confides in you that her father has been touching her sexually. Give her some advice on what she can do about this. **R-ad**

58. The children of a friend of yours are constantly playing video games and are getting overweight. Your friend wants some advice on what to do to change the situation. **R-ad**

59. You hear someone spreading rumors about someone you know. Tell this person how you feel about what he is doing. **R-ad**

60. You are interested in purchasing a home. Your real estate agent has shown you an extraordinary house, but a little out of your price range. Ask the agent what you should do. **R-ad**

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61. Someone is selling energy boosters at the gym. You are planning to be in a marathon and are thinking about trying the product to help increase your performance. Talk to a friend about this.  

62. Your friend has just come out of a drug rehabilitation center. He asks you if he can use you as a personal reference on an application for an apartment. You do not want to hurt your friend’s feelings, but you really are not sure he is responsible enough to always pay his rent. Talk to another friend about what you should do.  

63. Your friend is very sensitive and becomes upset when people joke about her. Talk to her.  

64. Your neighbors hired an unlicensed carpenter to work on an addition to their house. The carpenter asked the neighbors for $800 for materials and promised to return the next day. After three weeks of begging the carpenter to do the work, your neighbors realize that the carpenter was dishonest. Advise your neighbor on what to do.  

Complaints

1. You bought an appliance that was marked “Final Sale.” When you brought it home, you found you didn’t need it. Bring it back to the store.  

2. Complain to a store manager that the salespeople were rude to you.  

3. You are at a barbecue. The hamburger you were given is a little too rare. Ask the cook to put it back on the grill.  

4. Complain to the manager of your apartment building that there is too much noise at night and you can’t sleep.  

5. You just bought a used TV at the Swap Meet. Before you leave to go home, you find an outlet and plug it in. The TV doesn’t work. Go back to the person you bought it from.  

6. You buy a computer and install it. After three weeks, it crashes. Return it to the store.  

7. Your neighbors are having a big party. It is two o’clock in the morning and you can’t sleep. Go talk to them.  

8. Someone is smoking in the back of the bus. Complain to the driver.  

9. You brought your CD player into a shop to be repaired. After two weeks you are informed that it is repaired. When you take it home you find out it is still not working properly. Bring it back to the repair shop.  

10. You are at a movie theater watching a movie. A woman in your row is holding a screaming baby. Ask her to leave the theater so that you can enjoy the movie.  

11. You have just bought some groceries at the supermarket. When you look at your change you realize you have overpaid. Tell the cashier.  

12. You are at a concert and the quality of the sound is very poor. Complain about it.  

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