

Role-play Activity Situation Scenarios

Example of the role-play card students are getting.

Phrase: “arigatoo”

Role play rule: the only time you can speak is when you say the phrase given to you. Other times, you have to play the skit silently, using gestures.

Situation: Person A is walking. (S)he drops a key and doesn’t realize it. The other person B walks behind, notices the key and gives it to A. A says, “arigatoo”.

- Other cards should look exactly the same as the one above.

<Example of the situations>

I. Phrase: “arigatoo”

Situation: One person gives a present to the other. The person who received the present says, “arigatoo”.

II. Phrase: “gomennasai”

Situation:

1. Two people are walking toward each other. They bump into each other. One immediately says, “gomennasai” and the other follows, “gomennasai”.
2. Person A is waiting for person B. B is late. So A seems irritated and looking at the watch often. B shows up finally (run) and says, “gomennasai”.
3. Person A is playing with origami bird on the floor. (S)he throws the bird in the air and it lands far from him/her. Meanwhile, person B walks by and happens to step on the bird! B says, “gomennasai!”

III. Phrase: “doutashimashite”

Situation:

1. Person A is walking. (S)he drops a key and doesn't realize it. The other person B walks behind, notices the key and gives it to A. A expresses thanks to B by holding A's hand in his/her hands and shake it. B says, “doutashimashite”.
2. Person A looks lost. (S)he is looking around with a confusing expression on his/her face. So (s)he decides to ask person B who is happened to be standing by for the direction. A pulls out a map and ask B. (silently). B points at a direction. A thanks B by shaking his/her hands in A's hands. B says, “doutashimashite”.

IV. Phrase: “wakarimasen”

Situation:

1. Person A looks lost. (S)he is looking around with a confusing expression on his/her face. So (s)he decides to ask person B who is happened to be standing by for the direction. A pulls out a map and ask B (silently). B looks confused, shake his/her head and says, “wakarimasen” with his/her hands in the air.
2. A teacher write a difficult math problem on the board. A student, sitting on the desk, looks confused. The teacher points at him/her. The student shakes his/her head and says, “wakarimasen”.

V. Phrase: “sumimasen” (to get someone's attention)

Situation:

1. Person A looks lost. (S)he is looking around with a confusing expression on his/her face. So (s)he decides to ask person B who is happened to be standing

by for the direction. A taps B's shoulder and say, "sumimasen".

2. Person A is walking. (S)he drops a key and doesn't realize it. The other person
B walks behind, notices the key. B picks it up and run to A. B taps
shoulder, say "sumimasen" and show the key to A.

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3. Person A is sitting on the desk. Person B is outside. B knocks the door. A looks up. B comes in, saying, "sumimasen...".

<“Who Wants to be a Millionaire” sample questions>

1. Listen to the following conversation between Hiroshi and Jenny, and guess the best possible situation in which the conversation is taking place.

(tape) Hiroshi: Jenii-san, sayounara.

Jenny: Ja, mata, Hiroshi-san.

- (a) Hiroshi is sorry for Jenny.
 - (b) Jenny appreciates Hiroshi.
 - (c) Jenny and Hiroshi are departing from each other
 - (d) It's 7:00 in the morning.
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2. Steve lost his way in Tokyo Station. He decided to ask someone which train he is supposed to take to go to Yokohama. He should start the conversation by saying...
- (a) sumimasen
 - (b) korewa nihongo de nanto iimasuka?
 - (c) arigatoo
 - (d) wakarimasen

<Jeopardy sample questions>

I. Category – hiragana

1. Yonde kudasai.
“Kite”, “Kiite”, “Kitte” (written in hiragana)
2. Yondekudasai.
“Nu”, “Ne” (written in hiragana) – show confusing words.
3. Kaite kudasai
“Ringo” (the teacher says it)

II. Category – Phrases

1. It's 9:00a.m. You are walking down the street from your house to go to school, and you saw your neighbor. Greet her.
2. The teacher asks, “areha nihonngo de nanto iimasuka?”