



CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 1

EXPRESS AND GUESS THE EMOTION AND INTENTION THROUGH BODY AND VOICE

OBJECTIVES

Strengthen the ability to express and appraise emotions and intentions in oral interventions; and strengthen teamwork.

TIME REQUIRED

30 minutes.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE

Groups of 4 students or so.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

A stopwatch.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, the teacher explains how you can radically change the intention and emotions that speech conveys through prosody and gestures. For example, depending on how we say the phrase “Fear of public speaking? Should I have it?” We can convey certainty, surprise, anger, and so on.
2. Then, make groups of 4-5 students, aiming for groups balanced in number. As a group they must choose an everyday sentence and decide which of the following emotions and moods they will use to produce it. Each member of the group writes down the emotion they have chosen to produce the sentence with:
 - a) Sadness
 - b) Happiness
 - c) Surprise
 - d) Irony
 - e) Shyness
 - f) Boredom
 - g) Anger
 - h) Contempt

3. The groups rehearse performing the emotions in the sentence they have chosen for each of the group members.
4. The teacher announces the start of the game and asks one of the groups to begin. The teacher starts the timer, and the first member of a group says the phrase. The rest of the groups have 10 seconds to guess the specific emotion and each group can only guess one emotion. Then the next member of the group reads it with their given emotion, until they finish, and the teacher notes down how long it took them to guess the emotions.
5. The teacher resets the timer, and the following group begins.
6. The team whose emotions took the least amount of time for the other groups to guess, wins.

SELF-EVALUATION AND REFLECTION GUIDE

In this workshop, the students will learn in a playful way to express and evaluate the intentions and emotions that speech can convey. The evaluation will be based on the speed with which the other teams guess the emotions that have been acted out. If a team manages to get the emotions right in a short time, then this means that the sentences were well-expressed.