

Drama and Theater Arts Lesson Plans for 6th – 8th grades

Lesson Plans #3, #4, & #5

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LESSON FOUR:

Activity: Delivering Jokes in the moment.

Practice your delivery with the five jokes I've provided below, as well as five of your own. If you don't know five question and answer jokes, find some online or ask friends and family members if they have some they can share with you.

Try to tell ALL TEN JOKES to a minimum of 5 different people!

Wait For it: Jokes in the Moment

The best time to tell these kinds of jokes is when the perfect moment arises in normal everyday life. Sometimes the topic of the joke will just appear and give you the perfect set up.

Sometimes you may need to provide your own set up.

1. I tried writing with a broken pencil once, but it was pointless.

This joke is a great example of a joke that can just appear with the perfect set up. All you need is for someone, anyone to be holding a pencil!

But you could also provide your set up. For example if the person is holding a pen and NOT a pencil, you could provide your own set up:

"You like pens? I prefer pencils."

You can take a beat wait for the person to respond, and THEN tell the joke, OR you can just go right into the joke after the set up. Decide in the moment what feels right.

2. There are three types of people: those who can count and those who can't.

3. I was going to tell a pizza joke but it was too cheesy.
4. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
5. Leopards are terrible at hide-and-seek because they're always spotted.