

150 SCENARIOS

FOR USE IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

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STRATEGIC INTERACTION METHOD

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The Scenarios

Packing for France

Author: K. Krupa (Michigan)

ROLES

parent / child

TOPICS

travel
weather
clothing

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

expressing needs
convincing

PACKING A: You are packing for a big trip to France. You have never been there before, and you are not sure what to pack. You would like your mom's help, but she always packs too much. You don't need to bring a lot of clothes because you want to have room for souvenirs. Your mom has just entered your room. Tell her what you are taking.

PACKING B: Your son is packing for his first big trip to France. You want to help him pack because you just heard on the international weather report (on the Weather Channel) that France is experiencing unseasonably cold weather. You have just entered his room. Convince him that he needs to take clothes for cold weather too.

The Bus Stop

Author: K. Krupa (Michigan)

ROLES

passenger / bus driver

TOPICS

travel

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

explaining
apologizing
asking
refusing / submitting

BUS STOP A: You are in Paris with a group from your school. You are all waiting to get on a bus. You see a bus approaching so you make your way through the crowd to make sure that you get on. Once you get on the bus, you notice the rest of your group still down on the street, and you realize that you got on the wrong bus. What will you do?

BUS STOP B: You are a bus driver in Paris. Your job is to greet passengers, collect tickets and stick to your schedule. It is rush hour and you just made a stop to pick up more passengers.

The School Project

Author: K. Krupa (Michigan)

ROLES

parent / child

TOPICS

school work
health

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

explaining
convincing

PROJECT A: You have a big project due in school today, but you did not finish it yet (as usual). Try to convince your mom that you are sick so you can stay home. If she asks you about the project, tell her you are finished and will hand it in tomorrow.

PROJECT B: Your son's teacher just called to tell you that he has not been turning in his assignments and that there is a big project due today. It must be turned in today! Go talk to your son before he leaves for school.

McDonald's

Author: K. Krupa (Michigan)

ROLES

waiter / customer

TOPICS

food
restaurants

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

explaining
asking
refusing
suggesting

MCDONALDS A: You work at McDonald's, and there is a big problem. Your store is all out of hamburgers! Your supervisor has instructed all the employees to try to sell chicken sandwiches instead. Don't forget to suggest an apple pie with the order.

MCDONALDS B: Your dad is making your least favorite meal for dinner—chicken—so you decide to go to McDonald's to get your favorite cheeseburger (without mustard), fries and a sundae. Go place your order.

Saturday

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ROLES

friends

TOPICS

Leisure plans
Recreation

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

Convincing
Describing

SATURDAY A: It's Saturday and you are so happy that you don't have to go to school. You and your friend have plans to do something today. You really want to go to the zoo. Tell your friend about all the cool animals you'll see and convince him/her to go.

SATURDAY B: It's Saturday and you are so happy that you don't have to go to school. You and your friend have plans to do something today. You really want to go to the movies. Tell your friend about all the good movies that are out right now, and convince him/her to go.

Walking Down the Street

Author: K. Krupa (Michigan)

ROLES

strangers on the street

TOPICS

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

STREET A: You are walking down the street and you find \$100 in the road. You pick it up and you notice a couple of people heading towards you. What will you say to them?

STREET B: You are very poor and you don't even have enough money to feed your family right now. You are walking down the street and you see some nice looking people that you think might have an extra \$5 so you can go to the store to buy some food for your family. Go and ask for \$5.

STREET C: You just dropped \$100 in the road and can't find it. You notice two other people in the street. Ask them if they know anything about your \$100.

Buying a House

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ROLES

TOPICS

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

husband / wife

HOUSE A: You and your wife have been looking at houses to buy. You have narrowed your decision down to two houses. You really like the smaller house. Tell your wife what it is you like about that house and try to convince her that this is the house you should buy.

HOUSE B: You and your husband have been looking at houses to buy. You have narrowed your decision down to two houses. You love the bigger house. Tell him what it is you like about it, and try to convince him that it is the house you should buy. This might also be a good time to let him know that you just found out that you are pregnant with your first baby, and that you need the bigger house for the baby.

The Pet Store

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ROLES

TOPICS

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

salesperson / customer

animals
birthday

sales
convincing
describing

PET STORE A: Your mom's birthday is coming up, and she wants a new pet because your dog just died. She does not want another dog because that will make her sad. You think that she might like a rabbit instead. Go to the pet store to buy her gift.

PET STORE B: You work in a pet store and you work on commission. The store has a surplus of rabbits right now so they are selling for a very low price. Remember that the more expensive the animal you sell, the more money you make. Dogs, cats, birds, fish and snakes all cost more. Suggest to you customers that they buy more expensive animals.

The Restaurant**Author:** K. Krupa (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

RESTAURANT A: You are a waiter in a restaurant and your shift is almost over. your boss told you that you could leave early after you take one more table. You are really happy to leave early because you have a date with a new girl tonight. Take your last customers' order and try to get them to leave as soon as possible.

RESTAURANT B: You just arrived at your favorite restaurant after a long day at work. You are so glad to be able to relax and have a leisurely dinner. You are starving because you did not get a chance to eat much for lunch, so order a lot, relax and take your time.

A New Town**Author:** K. Krupa (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

NEW TOWN A: You are lost in a small town in France. You are supposed to meet your friend at the hotel at 4:00 pm. You see a policeman. Go and ask for direction to your hotel.

NEW TOWN B: You are a policeman in a small town in France. Today is your second day on the job so you are not too familiar with the city yet, but you do know your way around a little bit. You see a strange-looking person approaching you. What do you do?

New Person at School**Author:** K. Krupa (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

NEW AT SCHOOL A: There is a new girl at school and she is in a couple of your classes. you think she is cute and really want to talk to her. You see her approaching you. Now is your chance to talk to her and find out her name, where she is from , what she likes to do, etc. you might even want to ask her to do something after school sometime.

NEW AT SCHOOL B: You are a new girl at school. you have seen this guy that you think is really cute, but he is not in any of your classes so you don't even know his name. However, his friend is in two of your classes. You see his friend in the hall and he is approaching you. Try to get information about the guy you like.

Telephone Call**Author:** K. Krupa (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

PHONE CALL A: You are going to France for three weeks and you will be staying with a French family. Call them on the phone and tell them about yourself and your family, what you like to do, etc. Ask about their family and what kinds of trips you will be taking. Be sure to tell them that you do not like dogs!

PHONE CALL B: You are French family, with three teenage children, two cats, a dog and a canary, and you will be hosting an American student for three weeks. He or she will be calling you on the phone. Find out what he/she likes to eat and what he/she doesn't like to eat, and what kinds of things you should plan to do.

The Doctor's Office**Author:** K. Krupa (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

DOCTOR'S OFFICE A: You are sick! Your head, your stomach, your back, etc.; they all hurt. You have even thrown up a couple of times. Go to the doctor and describe your symptoms.

DOCTOR'S OFFICE B: You are a doctor. A young patient comes to your office. This is the second young person today with similar symptoms. The other one, you suspect, was not really sick and was trying to get either pain pills or sleeping pills so that he could sell them to his friends. What will you say to this patient?

Going Shopping**Author:** K. Krupa (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

SHOPPING A: Your mom is taking you shopping to buy some necessities for your upcoming trip to France. you have decided that you need a lot of new clothes and maybe even a new camera. Tell you mom what you need (or want) and convince her to buy what you have requested.

SHOPPING B: You are taking your son/daughter shopping to buy some necessities for his/her big trip to France. You have decided that the most you can spend is \$100, but you really do not want to spend even that much. Besides, you child does not need much--maybe a couple of new shirts, socks, toothpaste, etc.

New School Year**Author:** K. Krupa (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

NEW SCHOOL YEAR A: School starts in a couple of days. Call your friend and ask her to go shopping for school supplies with you. Tell her that you need some new folders, markers, paper, pens, pencils, etc. Also tell her how much money you are going to take.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR B: School starts in a couple of days. Your friend calls to go shopping. Convince her to go shopping for new clothes. Tell her what kind of clothes you need and how much money you're going to take.

Friday Night**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan) (state)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

FRIDAY NIGHT A: A new restaurant opens up in town. You work for the local newspaper and have been assigned to cover the story. You are divorced and have a 3 year old child. You spent the better part of 2 days trying to find a baby-sitter for Friday night. The reception is scheduled to last from 7:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. You receive a phone call. .

FRIDAY NIGHT B: You have agreed to baby-sit on Friday Night. Then to your surprise, you have been nominated to be on Homecoming Court. Your parents are so proud of you and can not wait to see you march at the game on Friday. This is a dream come true. You need to cancel your plans for job for Friday. You call the family.

Sirens**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

SIRENS A: You are a cop. While patrolling the city, you receive a bulletin about a car that just had been stolen. You see a car that fits the description. You pull the car over and notice that it is being driven by two teenagers. This is the area in which the car is reported to be stolen. You recognize the two teenagers because of past run-ins with the law. You walk up to the car.

SIRENS B: You are driving your car down M66 and a cop pulls you over. You only have a driving permit but your older brother is with you and he has a license. Your parents are out of town and can not be reached. The cop walks up to your car.

Carpool**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

CARPOOL A: You are driving in a carpool. You need to get to work by 8:30 today for a meeting with your boss about your raise. The way things are going, you have timed it perfect in order to arrive at exactly 8:25. You pull up to the last house of the carpool and the spouse walks up to the house.

CARPOOL B: Your spouse is running late today. He/she ask you to hold the carpool for 10 minutes. There is only 1 car in the household and you need it to take the kids to dentist at 9:00. Your spouses carpool has just arrived. If he/she misses the carpool he/she has no way to work. You go out to the carpool to stall them so your spouse can make the carpool. What will you say?

Gotta Have Art**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

GOTTA HAVE ART A: You are on a date. You found out that you are studying art. You really dig this guy and are charmed about he has gone out his way to find an art movie in Traverse City for you two to watch. When the movie gets started, it is loaded with vulgarity. You are offended by the content by the content of the movie. What do you say to your date so you two may leave?

GOTTA HAVE ART B: You are on a date. Your date is really interested in art. This is good news for you since you are taking an art class. Your teacher has assigned the class a project, to watch an art movie and to record reactions from another person. The movie is showing in Traverse City for 1 night only. You figure you can impress the date and complete your homework assignment.

Food Glorious Food**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD A: You are a waiter in a restaurant in Pátzcuaro. Today special is sopa de tarasco. Your boss has instructed you that for every special you sell, you will receive a bonus. An American customer walks into the restaurant. You walk up to the customer and tell about the specials.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD B: You are an American in Pátzcuaro. You have been in the city for 2 weeks. Your stomach has been bothering you. You just want

some safe, American food. You enter a clean restaurant and take a seat. The waiter walks up to your with a menu.

Don't Be Late**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

DON'T BE LATE A: The bell has rang and you will be late for class. This is you 3rd tardy. You know your teacher will give you a detention for excessive tardies. You have practice everyday and you know if you show up late for a practice, you will not start the next game. What do you say to the teacher?

DON'T BE LATE B: You are a 1st year teacher in the district. Your principal has told you that you need to be strict the first year of teaching. He warns you that the students will try to take advantage of your ignorance Your policy is for every 3 tardies, 1 hour of detention. A student comes in late and it is his/her 3rd tardy. What do you say to the student when he/she enters?

Out the Door**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

OUT THE DOOR A: You are trying to sell your house. You have not had many visitors come over to look at the house. A half hour ago, the Realtor calls you and ask you if you can host a visitor in 2 hours. You agree and now are frantically trying to clean the house. You come to your child's room and it is a disaster. You stop your child to have him/her clean his/her room.

OUT THE DOOR B: You are on your way to work. You have 10 minutes to get to work. Just last week, all the staff at your work had a meeting. The boss said that the workers have become inefficient and that will change. Anyone who is late will be docked in pay. You stop to say good-bye to your parent on your way out the door.

Class Schedule**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

CLASS SCHEDULE A: You are in the running for class valedictorian. You are entering your senior year and you just found out that you have the most difficult math teacher in the school. This teacher only gives A-, never A s. Your family is pushing you to be the valedictorian. You go to the counselors office to get your schedule changed.

CLASS SCHEDULE B: You are the counselor. The superintendent has told that each class is not to have more than 28 students. After many weeks of reworking the schedule, you finally found one that works. According to the new schedule, every math class already has 28 students in it. A student enters your office.

The Letterman Sweater

Author: G. Vana (Michigan)

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THE LETTERMAN SWEATER A: It is your ten year reunion at your high school. While you were in high school you were voted most school spirited. The committee in charge of the reunion has asked all mock election winners to show up for picture. You only have one memorabilia left from high school, your letterman sweater. You found out that you have let your cousin borrow it. How do you approach your cousin in order to get your sweater back?

THE LETTERMAN SWEATER B: You have borrowed your cousin's letterman sweater and have loaned it to your girlfriend. Your girlfriend is very sentimental and believes that as long as the sweater is with her, it is like you being with her. She never goes anywhere without it. In fact, she took it with her to Mexico for the for three weeks.

See Ya!

Author: G. Vana (Michigan)

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SEE YA! A: You are a history teacher. You are giving a test tomorrow. You have had this horrible tooth ache for over a week. You finally got an appointment with dentist immediately after school. Your principal has given you permission to leave right after school. The next available appointment is in 2 weeks. A student stops you in the hallway.

SEE YA! B: Tomorrow, you have a big test in history. You have missed 3 days in the past week because of the field trips. You have been trying to catch up on all your classes and today you have set aside to catch up on history. The history teacher always stays after school for a least an hour. The last bell has rang and you run into your history teacher as he is leaving the building. What do you say to him? How do you get him to stay?

CMI

Author: G. Vana (Michigan)

ROLES

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CMI A: You work in an office alone. You are under strict instructions to wait by the phone for an important phone call. If the school misses this call, 30 students will be stranded in México City. You have been waiting by the phone for 3 hours. Your family is throwing a quince for your sister at 1:00. You are trying to recruit someone to take your place at the phone so you can make the quince. A graduate Spanish student walks into the office. This student has been here 3 times and already knows how the phones work.

CMI B: You are a graduate student in México. It's a Saturday morning and you need to use the computer to type up a paper. You show up at the lab at 11:00 a.m. and find it locked. You were told the lab was open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You find that there is an open office with someone in it. You enter the office hoping that someone can help you get into the lab.

Stop and Smell the Roses

Author: G. Vana (Michigan)

ROLES

TOPICS

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES A: You have been receiving flowers anonymously for over 2 weeks now. You are happily married and wife is starting to suspect something. You want the flowers to stop coming, so you go to the florist. If you can find out who has been sending you the flowers, you can talk to that person and have them sending them. You walk into the florist shop.

STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES B: You and coworker work at a florist. The flower shop is well know for it's ability to keep it's customer's names secret. The store policy is that under no circumstances is an employee to reveal the name of a client. You have been bragging about all the men that chasing you. Your coworker doesn't believe you and offered a bet with you. The bet is the next customer of the opposite sex must kiss you on the cheek before he leaves. If you lose, you must buy lunch for the next two weeks.

I Got Rhythm

Author: G. Vana (Michigan)

ROLES

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I GOT RHYTHM A: You are an American in a Mexican hotel. You go down to the lobby to listen to some music. In the lobby, you notice a grand piano. You have always wanted to play a grand piano. There is band playing right now. You wait until the set is over and approach the band about being able to play the piano.

I GOT RHYTHM B: You are a piano player in a Mexican band. Tonight, you are play in a hotel lobby. From the staff of the hotel, you hear that an American record

producer is in the hotel looking for new acts to sign. You also find out that does not want anyone to know who he is. During you last set, you see an American enter the lobby. You get nervous start to make some mistakes. After the set, the American approaches you. You want a second chance to redeem yourself. What do you say to him without letting him know that you want an audition for him?

Saturday**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

SATURDAY A: You are on the softball team. Your team is having a bad season. You do not expect your team to go far in the playoffs. You have agreed to work the following Saturday. Your team catches fire and begins to play unexpectedly well and begin to win. The team has qualified for the state finals on Saturday. You must call your employer and cancel work for Saturday.

SATURDAY B: You are the manager at Burger King. You have just nominated an employee for the Burger King \$2000 college scholarship. On Saturday, the owner of the restaurant and the press are going to show-up to present the scholarship to the employee. You are setting up the festivities when you get a phone call from the employee. The owner of the restaurant wants everything to be a big surprise so that the press can catch her surprise on film.

Winner!**Author:** G. Vana (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

WINNER! A: You win the lottery. The prize was \$75,000. With the money, you dream of buying a house and proposing to your girlfriend. You paid the down payment for the house and buy a ring. You take your girlfriend for a drive to show her the house and to propose to her. You pull up to the house. How do you propose to her? What do you say?

WINNER! B: You just found out that you have an incurable disease. You have been given 1 year to live. You do have a boyfriend but have always dreamed of traveling the world. How would convince your boyfriend to join you? You two are out for a routine drive in the country. You have yet to tell your boyfriend about your condition.

On the Plane**Author:** T. MathewsROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

passengers / flight attendant

ON THE PLANE A: You are on a plane from New York to Paris. You have specifically asked for a seat in the smoking section because you get very frightened and nervous on planes if you can't smoke your cigar. The person in the seat in front of you is complaining about your cigar smoke. What will you do? What can you say to her?

ON THE PLANE B: You are on a plane from New York to Paris. You suffer from allergies and, therefore, have specifically asked for a seat in the no smoking section of the plane. Any smoke at all makes you very ill. The woman in the seat behind you is smoking a cigar. What will you do? What can you say to her?

ON THE PLANE C: You are the flight attendant on a plane from New York to Paris. The flight is completely full--there isn't a single empty seat, and the smoking and no-smoking sections are not separated. Of course, the people in the front of the plane can't smoke, and the people in the back can, but, the last no-smoking row is immediately in front of the first smoking row. When this happens there are often problems. How might you solve any problems that come up? What might you say or do?

Drugs at the Airport

Author: T. Mathews

ROLES

TOPICS

NOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

passengers / customs
official

AIRPORT A: You are a customs officer at the airport in New York (JFK). There is usually a fairly good chance that you will find drugs in the luggage of people entering the United States. You receive a bonus of \$25 every time you find illegal drugs. Today there are a lot of people to check. Your supervisor has asked you to go as fast as possible. Still, you want to be thorough, so you can receive a bonus.

AIRPORT B: You have been traveling in Mexico for three weeks and are now passing through customs at the airport in New York. You know that the customs officer will search some people very thoroughly, and others hardly at all--but you know that if he finds drugs, it always takes a long, long time. You are in a great hurry--your next flight leaves in 20 minutes. You have a bag of pills for your allergies, and another bag of aspirin. Should you hide them so the inspection doesn't take a long time? Or should you show them to the officer and try to explain what the drugs are for?

AIRPORT C: You are a drug trafficker. Today you are trying to smuggle two bags of cocaine into the U.S. You have been arrested three times before trying to get into the country with drugs. If they catch you this time they will surely put you in jail, but your family depends on the money you earn selling drugs. Therefore, you must hide the coke will so you can get past the customs officer.

Grandparents and Drugs**Author:** S. Braidí (New Jersey)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

grandparents / grandson

GRANDPARENTS A: You are Joanne--a grandmother. While you were cleaning the house you found a small bottle of pills in the closet of the bedroom of your grandson Paul. Paul has not lived with you for very long, but he does now so he can attend the university. You want to discuss the problem of the pills when Paul gets home from school. What will you say to him?

GRANDPARENTS B: You are Paul. Two months ago you started living with your grandparents in order to attend the university. Both your grandmother and grandfather have been very kind to you. But now you want to move out--your girlfriend is pregnant and you want to get married as soon as possible. What will you say to your grandparents without hurting their feelings?

GRANDPARENTS C: You are Edward--a grandfather. Six months ago your doctor informed you that you have serious heart trouble and gave you medicine to take for it. However, you don't want your wife to know about the problem. Therefore, you hid the pills in the closet of the guest bedroom since it wasn't being used at the time. Two months ago your grandson, Paul, moved in with you so that he can attend the university. Although he has been staying in the guest bedroom, he has not found your medicine and you feel it is safe to leave it there.

Hispanic Renters**Author:** T. MathewsROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

renter / landlord

RENTERS A: Your name is José Salazar González. You, your wife María, and your six young children are moving to Newark because you have gotten a job as plant manager at the Chrysler Plant. You and María are looking for an apartment but are finding it very difficult--very few apartments are available. You are now talking to the landlord of the seventh apartment you have looked at. You both like it quite a lot and you can afford the monthly rent. Tell the landlord that you want to rent this apartment.

RENTERS B: You are the landlord of an apartment building. You have one vacancy but have never had a problem renting it. There are always many people who want to rent. You have just shown the apartment to José and María Salazar. They are Hispanic, and like most Hispanics, have a large family. (They have six children!). You have rented to Hispanics three times in the past, and it has always been disastrous. They are noisy, they stay up late at night, they have poor control over their children, and they usually are late with their rent. The neighbors always complain to you. You do not want to rent the apartment to the Salazars. But, if

they want to rent it, you must think of an excuse not to rent it to them. You do not want them to think that you are prejudiced.

Letter to the Editor

Author: T. Mathews

Based on an episode of "The People's Court"

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courtroom

JUDGE: You will be presented with a defendant and a plaintiff. It is your responsibility, to discover the truth by asking appropriate questions, and then decide the case in favor of the defendant or the plaintiff. You also must keep proper order in the courtroom.

PLAINTIFF: You are an author and make a living by sending articles to magazines. You read an advertisement that Axion Magazine would pay 4¢ a word for articles if they were published. You sent them a short (1,500 words) article but heard nothing from them in return. Several months later you saw that they had printed your article as a "letter to the editor." You feel that they owe you for your article, and are suing them for \$100. Unfortunately, you did not keep a copy of the original article.

DEFANDANT: You are the editor of Axion, a monthly magazine. Several months ago you received what you thought was a letter to the editor from the plaintiff and printed it, as a letter to the editor, in your magazine. The plaintiff is now suing you, claiming that it was not a letter, but an article, and that he should be paid 4¢ a word for it. Normally you do pay for good articles. You do not have a copy of the edition of the magazine in which the "letter" was published.

Pen Pals

Author: T. Mathews

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friends

PEN PALS A: You have had a pen pal for five years. He lives in Florida and you have never met. This morning he called you and told you that he is here in Newark and has invited you to meet him for dinner at a nice restaurant. You are nervous because your friend thinks you are rich, but you don't have much money. You told him in a letter that your mother is one of the DuPonts. What will you talk about at dinner? Will he expect you to pay the entire check? Should you tell him that you lied about your mother?

PEN PALS B: Your mother is in the hospital and you need \$15,000 to pay the hospital bills. For five years you have had a pen pal in Newark. (You are from Florida). You have never met him, but he is very rich, his mother is of the DuPont family. You are now in Newark to ask your pen pal for the \$15,000. You have invited

him to dinner at a nice restaurant. How will you ask for the money without offending him?

The Surrogate Mother

Author: T. Mathews

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JUDGE: You will be presented with a defendant and a plaintiff. It is your responsibility, to discover the truth by asking appropriate questions, and then decide the case in favor of the defendant or the plaintiff. You also must keep proper order in the courtroom.

DEFANDANT: Because you are a kind and loving woman, you decided to be a surrogate mother for a couple that could not have children of their own. You signed a contract promising that, after being artificially inseminated by the plaintiff and having a baby, you would give that baby to the defendant and allow him and his wife to adopt it. However, you gave birth to twins and feel that one of them is rightfully yours. Therefore, you have kept one of the babies. The plaintiff and his wife believe that both of the babies should be theirs.

PLAINTIFF: You and your wife cannot have children of your own. Therefore, you signed a contract with a very nice young girl to be a surrogate mother for you. She was artificially inseminated and promised to give you the baby after it was born. However, she gave birth to twins. She feels that one of them is hers and refuses to give it to you. You feel that both of the babies are rightfully yours, and that it is morally wrong to keep the babies separated, because they are twins. You are suing her for the baby, or, if that is impossible, \$150,000.

Asking for a Raise

Author: T. Mathews

ROLES

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employer / employee

RAISE A: You have been working at your job now for just over a year and think you've been doing a good job. However, since the economy is in such a rut your dollars don't stretch nearly as far as they used to. You decide that it's time to ask for a raise--today. But everything is going wrong. You get a speeding ticket on the way to work and you arrive 20 minutes late. As you walk through the door, you see your boss standing at the drinking fountain, right beside the time clock. Even though you're late, you decide its either now or never.

RAISE B: You are the manager of a small advertising company and have just been told that you must trim \$35,000 from your budget. You're fretting about how you will ever be able to do it when an employee walks in, late for the third time this week, and smiles sheepishly as he clocks in. Mentally, you review his record and

realize that he is, at best, a marginal employee. You also remember that he is salaried for \$34,500. Instantly, you decide that you will let him go. Of course, being a "nice" person and realizing that this employee is well liked by the rest of the office staff, you know that you must be very careful in the way you dismiss him.

Cigarettes**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

strangers

CIGARETTES A: You are a spokesperson for the American Lung Association and in addition you have just lost a close relative to smoking. You are gathering signatures on a petition that will make cigarettes illegal. Right now you are waiting for the bus; try to get the person next to you to sign your petition.

CIGARETTES B: You are a heavy smoker of cigarettes, indeed, you are the president of one of the largest tobacco companies in America. However at the moment you've run out of cigarettes. This has made you very stressed out since you are completely addicted to nicotine. Right now you are waiting for the bus; try to bum a cigarette off of the person next to you.

Surprise**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

employer / employee

SURPRISE A: You have been working for a new company for about six months and you feel as though you are doing an excellent job in the sales department. Since your wife has just become pregnant, go ask your boss for a raise.

SURPRISE B: You are about to meet with a fairly new employee (he's been working for you for about six months) who is doing a decent job in your sales department. Unfortunately, you need to make some cuts, and he needs to be let go. Prepare to do this.

Student Housing**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

student / landlady

HOUSING A: You are an exchange student in Spain unhappy with the family you are living with and you are planning on relocating. The señora is very sweet and you don't want to insult her or hurt her feelings. Explain to her that you are going to move out.

HOUSING B: You are housing a foreign exchange student and are finding him/her to be an absolute delight! Not to mention, the money coming in for room and board is very handy since your husband recently lost his job. Explain to the student how grateful you are to have him/her with you in your home.

A Trip**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

husband / wife

TRIP A: You and your wife's second anniversary is next weekend you you have organized a surprise trip to Vail, Colorado, to celebrate. You'll leave Friday and return late Sunday. The two of you are now out to dinner and want to present her with this great surprise. How will you tell her? What will you say?

TRIP B: You and your husband's second anniversary is next weekend and you have organized a surprise trip to Disney World in Florida.. You'll leave Friday and return late Sunday. The two of you are now out to dinner and want to present her with this great surprise. How will you tell her? What will you say?

At the Mall**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

friends

AT THE MALL A: You are bumming around the mall and spot your best friend's boyfriend with a strange girl. They look quite cozy together in a coffee shop. Being the loyal friend that you are, you approach to investigate. What will you ask? How will you find out who she is?

AT THE MALL B: You have met a new girl from another school and are having coffee with her at the mall. You have a girlfriend, but she's kind of clueless and has no idea you're seeing someone else. However, you've just spotted you girlfriend's best friend and she is approaching you and the girl you are with. Try to explain the situation without letting your date know you already have a girlfriend.

AT THE MALL C: You are a new girl in the area and have gone out with a really cute guy three times now. At the moment, the two of you are sitting in a coffee shop at the mall. You are feeling comfortable with him, as the two of you have been flirting a lot. However, another girl is approaching and she seems to be his "girlfriend." How can you find out what is going on?

Evening Plans**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

boyfriend / girlfriend

PLANS A: It's Friday. You woke up with a terrible heading and it hasn't gone away. However, you and you boyfriend have made plans to go out tonight because you've been studying so very hard all week. He is on his way over now to pick you up, and your head is pounding. Although you know he will be disappointed, explain to him that you can't go out tonight.

PLANS B: You have arrived at you girlfriend's house to take her out for the evening. It's Friday and you girlfriend's birthday is on Sunday. In order to "trick" her, you have planned a surprise party for tonight and have invited about 50 people. But you must get her there without giving away the surprise. She things you're just going out for dinner and a movie.

Knock-Knock

Author: J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)

ROLES

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salesperson / homeowner

KNOCK-KNOCK A: You are selling candy bars for your golf team. The team pays 50 cents per candy bar and you can sell them for any amount over that. The team member that brings in the greatest profit will win a new CD player. Go next door and try to make a sale.

KNOCK-KNOCK B: You just realized that you only bathroom is clogged and you've had to call the plumber he is on his way, but because it's Sunday, he is going to charge you triple! When he arrives, how might you convince him to charge you less?

Weekend Plans

Author: J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)

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friends

WEEKEND A: You are sitting in the coffee shop with your two best friends. You are deciding what to do this weekend. Yesterday you won three first row tickets to the Blues Brothers' Concert for this Friday night. Share this news with you friends and convince them to go with you because it is your favorite group and it may be their last concert before breaking up.

WEEKEND B: You are sitting in the coffee shop with your two best friends. You are deciding what to do this weekend. You have finally convinced Pat, who you've been dreaming about since the first week of school, to go out with you this Friday, But only if you can find two dates for his/her cousins. Share this news with your friends and convince them to take Pat's cousin out. This may be your only chance!

WEEKEND C: You are sitting in the coffee shop with your two best friends. You are deciding what to do this weekend. Your uncle lives on a farm and you have to visit him for the weekend, leaving Friday after school. However, he has welcomed your friends as well. Convince your friends to go with you so that you don't have to sit through home videos all weekend!

The End**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

boyfriend / girlfriend

THE END A: You have gone out with the same guy now for three weeks, but you have decided that he is not the one for you. You having lunch with him today at McDonald's. Tell him you don't want to see him anymore. What will you say? How will you be nice and let him down easy?

THE END B: Your twelve-year-old family dog, Mecho, has just died and you are beside yourself with grief. Today you're having lunch at McDonald's with your new girlfriend. How will you tell her about your dog? Will you tell her how much you appreciate her friendship?

The Job Interview**Author:** J. FitzgeraldROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

boss / employee

JOB A: At sixteen years old, you never have enough clothes. Yesterday, you borrowed a friend's new sweater and spilled mustard all over it. You must replace it, but you don't have any money. You've been job hunting all day, with no luck. The GAP is your last chance. You need to convince the manager to hire you. What will you say? How will you convince him?

JOB B: You are the manager of the GAP and are very tired of irresponsible students as employees. You just fired two and have decided only to hire people who have graduated. A job applicant has just approached you. How will you interview him/her? What will you say?

Homecoming**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

mother / daughter

HOME COMING A: You are shopping with your mom for your first homecoming dress. She is very excited, but in your opinion, she is a bit old-fashioned. You have

fallen in love with a short black dress, but she likes a long blue one. Convince her to buy the blue one without hurting her feelings.

HOMEcoming B: You are shopping with your daughter for her first homecoming dress. You are very excited for her and want her to be happy. However, she has chosen a short black dress that is way out of your price range. Without burdening her with all of you and your husband's financial problems, suggest a long blue dress, that is in the price limit instead.

El cuarto de baño

Author: J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)

ROLES

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roommates

BAÑO A: You are in college and share your dorm room with two other girls. You have a presentation to give at 8:00 am. Your alarm did not go off and it's now 7:30. As you run to the bathroom, you realize your roommate is already there. Since you have to leave by 7:45 in order to arrive on time, explain to your roommate that you need to use the bathroom now.

BAÑO B: You are in college and share your dorm room with two other girls. You have a very important job interview at 8:15 am. It's now 7:30 and you have to leave by 7:45 in order to get there on time. You are running late and feeling extremely nervous. You are now in the bathroom getting ready to go, when your roommate tries to enter. What will you say to her?

BANO C: You are in college and share your dorm room with two other girls. You ate out last night and now you have a TERRIBLE case of food poisoning and you are very sick. You have thrown up three times during the night and now you have cramps and diarrhea too. But one of your roommates is in the bathroom. How will you explain your emergency?

Slurpee

Author: J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)

ROLES

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students

SLURPEE A: You are running through the hall after lunch, trying to get to Miss. Fritz' class on time. If you are late again today, you will be sent straight to the in-school suspension room and will be grounded for the weekend. In the midst of your panic, you run right into someone and spill your cherry slurpee all over him/her. What will you do? What will you say? The bell is going to ring in less than two minutes.

SLURPEE B: You are an extremely wimpy and nervous new student looking for a classroom. As you look, someone runs into you with a cherry slurpee and now it's

all over your hair, your clothes and your class schedule. You are upset, scared and lost, but don't want to make a bad impression at this new school. What will you say to the person who spilled the slurpee on you?

Multa**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

police officer / driver

MULTA A: You have just been pulled over for speeding. You have a bad driving record already and know that if you are issued another ticket today, you will have so many points that you will surely lose your driver's license. What will you say to the officer to get out of the ticket?

MULTA B: You are a police officer. It's 4:45 in the afternoon and you have 15 minutes to fill your quota of speeding tickets for the day. You need just two more. You have just pulled over a driver for speeding (going 42 mph in a 35 mph zone). What will you say to issue the ticket?

Vestido**Author:** J. Fitzgerald (Michigan)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

sisters

VESTIDO A: The boy you've had your eye on all year has finally noticed you and asked you out. You are tired of your clothes though and know that your sister has the perfect dress for you to borrow! Plan to go to her room and ask her for the dress. What will you say? How will you convince her?

VESTIDO B: You were just looking through your closet and notice a bad stain on your favorite shirt--the one your sister just wore? She is so irresponsible sometimes. What will you say to her? How will you make her pay?

The Phone Call**Author:** K. Morgan (Texas)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

PHONE CALL A: You are studying for an important exam which you have tomorrow. You must do well on this exam in order to pass the class. The telephone rings. You expect the call to be from a friend. What will you say to him/her?

PHONE CALL B: You are calling a friend. She owes you a big favor and now you need to ask for her help. You need her to take you to an auto shop and then wait

there with you until your car gets repaired. How will you ask your friend for this favor? What approach will you take over the phone?

On the Town After Dark

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

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ON THE TOWN A: You are late and are trying to get home before your curfew. Your mother has told you that because you are a girl you need to be home before dark. A young man (who you don't know) is approaching and it looks like he wants to talk to you. Be prepared to deal with him as quickly as possible so that you can meet your curfew.

ON THE TOWN B: You are new in town and are walking around trying to meet people and learn about the town. You see a really cute girl walking toward you. Maybe you can get her to show you around. What will you say to her?

Meeting at the Movies

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

ROLES

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MOVIES A: You and your friend are meeting to see a movie this afternoon. You arrived first so you went ahead and bought the tickets. You bought tickets to see Star Wars because you have never seen it in a theater and you know your friend hasn't either. Your friend is now approaching. How will you explain that you already bought the tickets and get him/her to reimburse you?

MOVIES B: You and your friend are meeting to see a movie. You have decided that you only want to see a comedy today. If there are no comedies playing, you would prefer to go home and watch TV or study. How will you explain this to your friend when you get to the theater?

Summer Plans

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

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SUMMER PLANS A: School is out for the summer and you have great ideas. You would like to spend this summer taking lessons and learning how to play the guitar. This will take a lot of time and money which you will need to get from your parents. Will you ask your mother or father for permission to take guitar lessons? What will you say to convince him/her to pay for the lessons?

SUMMER PLANS B: Your son/daughter is just getting out of school for summer break. Things have been tight for your family this year and you really need him/her to work and contribute financially to the family this summer. What will you say to your child to convince him/her to find a good job this summer?

At the Bookstore

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

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BOOKSTORE A: You are shopping in a bookstore at the mall with your friend and have just remembered that you have to buy a book for one of your classes. You do not have enough money to buy the book you need but know that your friend does have some money. How will you explain your situation to him/her? What will you say so that he/she will lend you the money?

BOOKSTORE B: You are shopping in a bookstore at the mall with your friend, but you're really bored and want to go buy clothes. You've been saving your money to buy a cool pair of pants that you want. You have just enough money to buy them too. How will you convince your friend to leave the bookstore with you?

The Shopper

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

ROLES

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SHOPPER A: You are in a large department store and need to buy a couple of pairs of socks to wear with your new dress shoes, but you cannot find the place in the store where they sell socks! You see a sales clerk in the shoe section. How will you ask him/her for directions?

SHOPPER B: You are working in the shoe section of a large department store. You are trying to win a contest for selling the most pairs of running shoes this week. A customer is approaching. What will you say to get his/her attention? How will you convince him/her to buy a pair of new running shoes?

A Lunch Date?

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

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LUNCH A: Your name is Juana. You are a new girl in town and have just met a girl who you think could be a good friend. You are eating lunch with her in the cafeteria at school. What kinds of things will you say to her to impress her so you can establish a friendship?

LUNCH B: Your name is María. You are eating lunch in the school cafeteria with a new girl in town named Juana. You are not sure if the two of you are similar enough to be good friends, but you're eating with her to be nice. As you are eating, a boy you are really interested in approaches you. His name is Marcos. You want him to have your phone number. How are you going to get the conversation going so that he will ask you for your phone number?

LUNCH C: Your name is Marcos. You notice a new girl in town who is sitting with a friend of yours, María, in the school cafeteria. You would like to ask the new girl out on a date but need to be introduced first. How can you get your friend María to introduce you to the pretty new girl? What will you say?

Class Schedule

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

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SCHEDULE A: You are going to be a senior in high school. You have just passed you third year of science and do not want to take a hard science class next year. You are now meeting with you counselor; arrange your schedule for your senior year.

SCHEDULE B: You are a high school counselor and have just received notice that it is now a state requirement for all students to take four years of science classes. You are now helping students plan their classes for next year. How will you explain this new requirement to students and parents?

Homework

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

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HOMEWORK A: You are teaching a Spanish class and have decided that last night's homework is important enough to you to count it as a test grade. How are going to explain this change to you students?

HOMEWORK B: You have just arrived to class. You need to ask your Spanish teacher if you can be excused from turning in your homework from last night. You did not do the assignment because your boss kept you at work much later than usual. How will you explain this to your teacher? What will you say so that he/she will excuse you from the assignment?

Saturday's Activities

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

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SATURDAY A: You are a single mother with one teenage child. You normally do housework and other chores on Saturday and you especially want the house to be clean tonight because you have a guest coming over. However, you have just received a phone call from work and have to go in to take care of some business. Ask your son/daughter to do the housework for you today.

SATURDAY B: You have been invited to go to the lake today with some friends. Ask you mother for permission. Be prepared to tell her why it is important to you to be able to go.

On the Job**Author:** K. Morgan (Texas)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ON THE JOB A: You have been working in a restaurant for a few months now. You like working there, but need to earn more money. You decide to talk to the manager about your situation. What are the ways in which you could earn more money? How will you ask your manager for an advancement in your job position? How will you convince him/her that you deserve more money?

ON THE JOB B: You have been doing employee performance evaluations this past week for your restaurant. One employee, who has been working for you for a few moths, is not quite doing the job you expect. You need this employee to improve or eventually he/she will have to be fired? What will you say to him/her to bring out an improvement? How will you explain the seriousness of the situation?

Luggage at the Airport**Author:** K. Morgan (Texas)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

LUGGAGE A: You are going on a trip out of the country for several months. Since the weather varies, you have packed clothes for many types of climate. You realize that you may check in only two pieces of luggage weighing 60 pounds each. One of you bags weighs three extra pounds. how will you get the airline to accept your luggage? What will you say to them to convince them that you need everything you have packed?

LUGGAGE B: You have just begun to work at an airlines. You are very excited about you new job with is full of opportunities for promotion if you do things right. You supervisor has just explained to you that when you chick in luggage each piece can only weigh 50 pounds and that each person may check in two pieces of luggage. You present customer has two bags that weigh 58 and 63

pounds, respectively. What will you say to him/her? How will you make sure that the customer leaves pleased with your service?

The Amazon

Author: K. Morgan (Texas)

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AMAZON A: You are on a canoe trip going down the Amazon River. You notice some ruins to the left of the river and would like to explore them, however, this is not a planned stop and it would put you behind schedule. How will you convince your tour guide to make the stop?

AMAZON B: You are a tour guide taking a small group of people on a canoe trip down the Amazon River. You have noticed some large piranhas swimming in the river and moving in same direction in which you're canoe is traveling. You have not told the tourist because you don't want to alarm them, however, you believe it would be best for the group if you do not make the next scheduled stop at a small jungle village. This way you might be able to get far ahead of these dangerous fish. What will you say to the passengers in your canoe so they are not upset? How will you convince them not to stop at the village?

Embarrassment in Dallas

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

ROLES

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landlord / tenant

food

complaining

health

IN DALLAS A: You are Victor, an exchange student from Mexico. You are living with an American lady in Dallas. Your hostess loves to speak and practice her Spanish with you. You enjoy everything about living here, except for her cooking--it is making you sick! It is all way too heavy and too greasy and you have suffered from diarrhea as a consequence. You have kept pretending that you love her food because you don't want to hurt her, but every day you have sneaked tons of Pepto Bismol into your room to take before and after each meal. You must talk to her and let her know what is going on. What will you tell her? How will you avoid hurting her feelings?

IN DALLAS B: You are a lonely and sensitive American widow who has put all of your energy into trying to please a young Mexican exchange student who is living in your house. In fact, he/she has brought new meaning and purpose into your life. You love to cook and serve him/her! You enjoy making meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and other Texas specialties. He/she seems to love all of your classic cooking. Tonight you are serving chicken fried steak. The only problem is that you think your boarder has a drinking problem. You have heard the clinking of bottles and lots of other strange noises coming from his/her room. You must

tell him that alcohol is an absolute no-no in your home.. After all, it was booze that killed your husband! How will you approach this exchange student? How will you express your disapproval without hurting his/her feelings?

Quarrel in a Bookstore

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

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BOOKSTORE A: You are an American exchange student in Málaga, Spain. You are attending the university there and you need to get to class in 10 minutes. You are giving your final presentation for the semester. This is very important--it represents 40% of your final grade. Oh no! You left a key textbook behind in your apartment which is 20 minutes away. The book costs 750 pesetas and you only have 50 pesetas in your pocket. You rush across the street from the university to a bookstore where your ex-girlfriend works? Maybe there will be a copy of the book there and you can borrow it, or buy it cheap? What will you say to your ex? How will you convince her to let you take the textbook you need?

BOOKSTORE B: You are an attractive and proud Spanish girl whose heart was just broken buy a visiting American student. You love him. . . you hate him! Especially since he's now going out with your best friend. You wish there was a way you could make him feel as bad as you do--but you just don't know how. Well, you must stop obsessing about him and go on with your work at the university bookstore. As you look out the window, guess who's walking towards the bookstore! It's him! The American heartbreaker! How are you going to react when he talks to you? What are you going to say?

At the Airport

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

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AIRPORT A: You are a Venezuelan peace activist. You just arrived in Barcelona, Spain. You are here to attend a conference on world peace, but you notice somebody walking off with your suitcase. You begin to shout and run after the culprit. What will you say when you catch him/her? How will you react to the theft?

AIRPORT B: You are a dedicated customs officer at the Barcelona International Airport. You have received word from your superiors to be on the lookout for attempted distractions by a renowned terrorist. You see a man running and shouting. What will you say to him? How will you find out if he is, indeed, a terrorist?

Sweet Sixteen

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

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SIXTEEN A: You are almost 16 years old! You are a male exchange student from the United States living in Morelia, México. You want to go to Ixtapa and hit the beach this coming weekend with some Mexican friends you have met. You have been told it's a great place to party--which is precisely what you want to do on your 16th birthday. However, you need to tell the señora (the mother of the family you live with) about your plans. What are you going to tell her? How are you going to convince her to let you go?

SIXTEEN B: You are the mother in a Mexican home. Presently you have an American student staying with you in your home. This weekend, his parents are coming in from Chicago to surprise him for his 16th birthday. You need to talk to him to make sure he is home on Friday night to be there when his parents arrive. What excuse will you give him to keep him from going out with his friends? How will you explain it to him?

Car Dealership

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

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DEALERSHIP A: You are a new car salesperson and you want to impress the boss, so that he/she will increase your commission. As a matter of fact, your boss has challenged all of the salespeople--whoever sells the most new Volvos this week will get a hefty bonus. Your wife is pregnant and you want to start putting money aside for "junior." You see a prospective buyer walk in. What will you say to him? How will you get him to trust you?

DEALERSHIP B: You have been wanting to buy a used 1992 white Mercedes Benz station wagon that has been sitting on the lot at the Volvo dealer for some time. Your wife has always wanted a Benz wagon and you think now is the time to get it for her. In fact, her birthday is in three days and you really want to surprise her. As you walk into the dealership a young man approaches to help you. See what kind of a deal you can make on the station wagon.

A Death in the Family

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

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DEATH A: You are a Franciscan monk on your way to the funeral of your estranged brother, whom you haven't seen in over 20 years, and his two teenage sons. The three of them were killed two days ago in a gruesome boating accident. Sitting next to you on the train is a young woman who from time to time begins to cry

quietly. You feel compassion for her. Should you say anything to her? How might you make her feel better?

DEATH B: You are on a train heading for the funeral of your husband and your two teenage sons. All three of them were killed in a gruesome boating accident while they were on vacation. The caskets are with the cargo on the train and you are taking them home to be buried in the family plot. The funeral is tomorrow. You are angry at God for taking away your whole family all at once. There is a priest or a monk sitting next to you on the train. Should you say anything to him? What will you say if he tries to talk to you?

The Tie

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

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THE TIE A: You are an assertive, up and coming, Cuban-American male with a real hot date tonight. You've got all the right clothes for the occasion but you feel like you're missing something expressive, something that will make you really stand out in a crowd. As you roam the department store your eyes catch just the missing element. It's a funky looking tie--so you reach out and grab it. At the same moment, however, a young woman grabs the same tie. What will you say? How will you convince her to let you have the tie?

THE TIE B: You are an attractive and assertive young woman from Colombia who is visiting your boyfriend in Miami. You were told by a close friend of his that he has a passion for ties and that his favorite clothing store is "El Corte Italiano" in Miami. While there, your attention is caught by a striking tie you know will make him want to propose to you instantly. As you grab the tie, someone else grabs it too. What are you going to say to him? How will you convince him to let you have the tie?

The Prize

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

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PRIZE A: You are Mary, Bob's wife, and this morning you were contacted by the Publisher's Clearing House. They told you that you have won your choice between a Ford Mustang and a Jeep Cherokee. Of course, you chose the Mustang! Now you have met your husband for lunch in order to give him the good news. How will you explain it? How can you share the excitement with him?

PRIZE B: You are Bob, Mary's husband. You are meeting Mary for lunch today, but just before you left the office you got a call from the Publisher's Clearing House. They told you that you have won your choice between a Ford Mustang and a Jeep

Cherokee. Of course, you chose the Jeep! You want to tell your wife about the prize. How will you explain it? How can you share the excitement with her?

Father and Son**Author:** T. Garmy (Oklahoma)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

FATHER AND SON A: You are Rick, an American exchange student living in San José, Costa Rica. You are charmed by the culture, but mostly buy a beautiful Costa Rican girl you have met! You need to convince your parents to send you an extra \$300 so you can stay an extra month. Call home and convince your parents to let you stay.

FATHER AND SON B: Your son, Rick, has been in a study abroad program in San José, Costa Rica, for the past month. He has just called you one the phone. Yesterday, you got your AT&T bill and nearly fainted. The bill for calls from Costa Rica is nearly \$280! You gave Rick a long distance credit card, but he has only called twice. Once and he arrived and now, just this minute. It seems he has made several hours worth of calls to his friends from school. What will you say to Rick? How will he pay for the large phone bill?

In the Hospital**Author:** T. Garmy (Oklahoma)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

HOSPITAL A: You are a medical doctor on staff at the leading hospital for the poor in Houston. Two years ago you were mugged and as a result you are now confined to a wheel chair. A new patient in the poor and destitute ward seems to be the man who mugged you two years ago. It sure looks like the guy! How will you find out if he's really the man who mugged you? What will you say to him?

HOSPITAL B: You have been completely free from drugs and alcohol for over a year now. In fact you work in a Christian half-way house for others who are overcoming drug and addiction problems. Last week you were mugged just two blocks from where you work and you suffered serious chest and head wounds. You are now in the charity ward of the local hospital. You would like to thank the doctor who was responsible for your recovery. Interestingly, he is confined to a wheelchair. What will you say to him? How will you thank him?

Red Snapper**Author:** T. Garmy (Oklahoma)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

SNAPPER A: You are a waiter at the famous Fisherman's Platter restaurant in Los Angeles. The chef just about died when the local health inspector declared that all of the red snapper, that came in fresh today, is diseased and unusable. The chef has begged you and all the other waiters to push the tuna, the swordfish, the shrimp--anything but the red snapper. What will you tell your clients?

SNAPPER B: You are a couple that has just arrived in Los Angeles. You have heard nothing but praise about the red snapper at the famous Fisherman's Platter restaurant. You heard about it on the plane, in the taxi cab on the way to the hotel, and in the hotel. You both can't wait! And here you are at the restaurant. You don't even need to look at the menu. You know what you want. Order red snapper (pargo rojo).

Midnight Cab

Author: T. Garmy (Oklahoma)

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CAB A: You are running late. You are a graduate student studying Spanish literature at Columbia University in New York City. You need to catch the last train out of Grand Central Station to Long Island, where you live. You've just heard that your best friend is in the hospital and you have barely enough money to catch a cab and pay the fare to the station. After you flag down a cab, you reach out your hand to open the door and find that someone is standing beside you also going for the door. What will you do? How will you convince this person that this is your cab, and that you really need it?

CAB B: You are an energetic musician from Puerto Rico and you live in New York City. The salsa band you are in has a gig tonight at the Burro Loco Club in Newark, New Jersey. It's a very popular night club and the money is pretty good. Besides, tonight there may be some record producers at the club! You're running a bit late, but you have enough cash to take a cab to Penn Station and the catch the express train to Newark. You hail what seems to be the only cab on the road, but as you step up to the door, there's someone else there who thinks the cab is his/hers. What will you say? How will you convince this person that this is your cab, and that you really need it?

Roast Beef

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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ROAST BEEF A: You have been invited to a friend's house for dinner tonight. You haven't met the mother before and you really want to make a good impression. At the dinner table, the mother serves you a slice of meat. After taking one bite, you realize it is burnt and you can't eat any more of it. You don't want to appear rude

by not eating it all, so you discreetly slip it into your napkin and hold it in your lap until you can excuse yourself and throw it in the garbage outside. Convince the mother that you need to step outside for a few minutes.

ROAST BEEF B: Your son/daughter has invited a friend over for dinner tonight. Since the invitation was given on such short notice, you didn't have time to prepare anything from scratch. You remembered, however, that there was some leftover roast beef in the refrigerator and you heated that up. Now you want to get rid of it before it spoils. Convince your guest not to leave the table until he/she eats another slice of meat.

Comic Debut

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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COMIC DEBUT A: Your best friend has asked you to attend her debut tonight as a stand-up comic. This is her big opportunity to break into show business and you know how much she would appreciate your being there. But four days ago you accepted a date for tonight with the man of your dreams. Convince your friend that she can do her stand-up routine on her own.

COMIC DEBUT B: Tonight you will be debuting as a stand-up comic and you want to ask your best friend to come along. You would like her moral support, but the truth is that her favorite comedian will be there, and you want to surprise her. Convince her that you really need her to be there with you.

Dog Sitting

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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DOG A: You are taking care of your friend's dog, Sofía, while he is on vacation. He was hesitant to give you the job because he thinks you are irresponsible, but you finally convinced him otherwise. It's 8:45 p.m. and he's due back tomorrow morning sometime. You are relaxing and eating fried chicken while watching TV. Suddenly, you notice blood gushing from Sofía's mouth through a deep gash in the back of her throat. She is coughing up chicken bones that she has taken from the trash. You decide to take her to a nearby pet clinic because the bleeding won't stop, but you don't want your friend to find out. What will you say to the vet? How will you explain the dog's situation?

DOG B: You are a neighborhood veterinarian. Unfortunately, there have been a rash of dognappings lately. It's 9:00 p.m., closing time, and a stranger has just entered your clinic with an injured dog. You recognize the dog as Sofía, one of your patients, but she is not with her owner. You are certain Sofía has been

stolen. Convince the stranger to leave the dog overnight, in order to give you time to contact the owner.

A Job Interview

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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INTERVIEW A: Your name is Sean Smith and you are an architecture student. You just found out that your new roommate's father has a design firm and is looking for part time summer help. Not wanting to appear obvious that you'd like to meet his dad, you have offered to pick up a small chest of drawers from his folks' house. You have just arrived at the door and you really want to make a good impression. Convince the father to grant you an interview.

INTERVIEW B: You are an architect who is looking for part time summer help. You have been conducting telephone interviews, and just yesterday you spoke with a Shawn Smythe who was very arrogant and ill-mannered on the phone. Your son has just called to say his friend, Shawn Smythe is on his way over to pick up a small chest of drawers. You recognize this name and suddenly realize that it is the rude young man you interviewed yesterday. As he arrives at the front door of your home, you decide to show him just how rude you can be.

Taken to the Cleaners

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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ROLE A: You are a high school foreign exchange student in Spain. Earlier this morning, you dropped your laundry off at the cleaners. The attendant was old and a bit grouchy and said it would be ready tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. It is now 5:00 p.m. and you just remembered you have a date tonight, and the only dress you have to wear is with the laundry. As you go back to the cleaners a young woman is wearing a dress identical to yours. You aren't 100% certain it's your dress, but you're pretty sure it is. What will you say to her in order to find out, without sounding too accusatory.

ROLE B: You work the afternoon shift at the neighborhood laundry. When you got to work this afternoon, you noticed a beautiful dress waiting to be ironed. Thinking this would be the perfect thing to wear to your friend's quinceañera tonight, you decide to "borrow" it because the laundry ticket says, "10:00 a.m. pickup tomorrow." It is now 5:00 p.m., closing time, and a young woman has just walked through the door. She is eyeing the dress rather suspiciously. You aren't sure if the dress belongs to her. What will you tell her? You need to close the store and get to your friend's party.

A Software Company**Author:** B. Perry (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a supervisor at a successful software development company. you have been hearing rumors that the general manager is really pleased with the new program you wrote. You are a dedicated worker and feel you recent efforts merit a bonus, but you are a bit intimidated by your boss. he has just called you into his office, so now is your chance. You decide to use a little "reverse psychology" on him by asking him to give a well-deserved bonus to one of your staff. You're sure he'll "get the hint" and offer you money as well.

ROLE B: You are the general manager of a software development company. The CEO has told you that you must cut costs by 20% or else the bank will not grant the line of credit that is needed for product development. The software business is highly competitive and you fear if word of budget cuts gets out, your employees will panic and seek employment with a competitor. You've just called you key man into your office. Suggest to him that he give up his expense account.

A New Hair-Do**Author:** B. Perry (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your sister just got home from the hairdresser and you noticed her new haircut as she walked through the backyard into the house. They style is absolutely hideous. You know she'll ask your opinion just as soon as she comes upstairs. you also know that if you flatter her, she'll let you borrow her car tonight. Tell her how much you like her new "do," even though you wouldn't be caught dead looking like she does.

ROLE B: You just got your hair cut and really like the new style. To drum up new clients your new hairdresser offered you a free perm if you refer someone to him within a week. Your sister doesn't really need a new look, but you'd love a perm and she is an easy target. Go upstairs to her room and ask her opinion of you new "do." Also, try to convince her to try your new hairdresser.

A New Dress**Author:** B. Perry (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your best friend has just given you a dress she made. She is normally a very talented designer and seamstress, but this "creation" is very, very sheer. You wouldn't dream of being seen in public wearing something like this; it is like

wearing nothing at all. Still, you don't want to hurt her feelings. What will you tell your friend about the dress she has given you?

ROLE B: You are a talented seamstress who has been invited to a formal affair and the guest of honor owns a chain of specialty high-end woman's clothing boutiques. you want to impress this woman, so you have created a very, very sheer evening gown for your best friend (who has a perfect figure) to model. You have just given her the dress, but you don't want her to know the real reason you made it, she might feel she is being "used." What will you say to her to get her to wear the dress to the formal this weekend?

At the Bakery

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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ROLE A: Your best friend's birthday is today and instead of buying her a traditional gift, you ordered her favorite cake, a princess torte with marzipan icing. You go to the bakery to pick it up and the baker says there was a mix-up on the order; they thought you wanted it tomorrow. All they have is a scrawny looking chocolate cake, but you suddenly spot a beautifully decorated cake with a "Hold for Johnson" not propped up against it. Convince the baker to sell you this cake instead of the ugly chocolate one.

ROLE B: You are a baker and a client has just come into you bakery to pick up a cake that was ordered a few days ago. You realize that there was an error on the order and the cake has not been baked yet. You have decadent chocolate cake in the case which can be decorated in just a few minutes. You a white cake, but it has been sold to one of your regular customers. Convince the woman to buy the chocolate cake so you don't have to sell it at half price tomorrow as "day old."

New Business

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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ROLE A: You are a 70 year old woman on a small fixed income. To make ends meet, you rent out one of your bedrooms to a college student. You are suspicious that he is selling marijuana because you accidentally found twenty baggies filled with strange smelling dried leaves in the attic. He seems like a very nice boy, but you can't bear any illegal activity in your house. How will you approach him and what will you say?

ROLE B: You are college student that rents a room from a sweet little old lady named Bertie. You major in school is botany and you've just developed a new tea hybrid using mint, chamomile and jasmine. It has such a rich, abundant flavor that

you are certain your classmates will be interested in buying it. You know that Bertie is on a fixed income, but maybe you can convince her to go into business with you. You don't know how she'll react to running a business out of her home, so you must approach her delicately. What will you say?

The Lost Jacket

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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ROLE A: You have found a nice woman's leather jacket at the movie theater. Inside one of the pockets is a receipt from an exclusive woman's boutique with a woman's name and address listed under "customer." You recognize the address; it is in a posh neighborhood. Thinking that you will probably be rewarded for returning the jacket, you drive it to the address listed on the receipt. A woman answers the door. Convince them to give you a reward for your honest deed.

ROLE B: You are a married woman, but you've had a little "action" on the side. Your husband knows nothing of your affair and you want to keep it that way. As you and your husband are watching TV, the doorbell rings. You get up and go answer the door. There is a person there holding a new leather jacket that your "friend" just gave you yesterday. You had lost it or misplaced it, but you can't take it now because you husband will overhear and then he will start asking a thousand questions. Convince the good Samaritan at the door that the jacket is not yours.

The Nurse

Author: B. Perry (Washington)

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ROLE A: You are a twenty-two year old graduate from nursing school and you have just started your first job in a doctor's office. You really want to make a good impression on the doctor. You've heard him complaining about the other nurse in the office because the patients are never ready for their exams when he goes in to see them. You have just entered Exam Room A where there is a young man waiting for a chest x-ray. You know that patients usually don't disrobe for x-rays, but you want this patient to be ready for the doctor, just in case he wants to examine him first. Greet the young man and tell him to prepare for the doctor's visit by taking off his shirt and sitting on the table.

ROLE B: You are a twenty-five year old man and you have an appointment to see your doctor. You have had some lung congestion for several weeks now and the doctor thinks it might be pneumonia. You are waiting in Exam Room A, and in walks a beautiful young nurse. You can only think of two things: 1) how much you'd like to ask her out and 2) how totally humiliated you'll be if she sees the

huge tattoo of a naked woman that you have on your chest. What will you say to her?

One**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're in a fine restaurant where your friend is a waiter. This is your first date with a girl you've been trying to take out for a month. You're here to make a good impression. You order the best including a rare wine. It's time to pay the bill and you suddenly discover that you don't have your wallet. Try to convince your friend, the waiter, to lend you the money.

ROLE B: You're a waiter in an exclusive restaurant. A girl you've been asking out for a month calls you and says she's only available tonight because she's going away for the summer. You must go out with her. Try to convince your friend to work for you while you go out.

Two**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: It's your big night. You have just graduated from high school and are waiting for your boyfriend to pick you up to out to celebrate. You are dressed quite elegantly. The door bell rings. You go to answer it. To your surprise it's your old boyfriend, smelly and unshaven. He rushes into your house. Try to convince him to leave before your boyfriend arrives.

ROLE B: You've been down on your luck and have been hitch hiking across the country for the past woe months and have not bathed or shaved in a month. You're in a town and remember an old girlfriend. You decide to surprise her. You find her house and ring the bell. She opens the door and is dressed quite elegantly. You rush into her house. Try to convince her to let you shave, shower, and spend the night.

Three**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your best friend is arriving from Atlanta tonight and you have not seen her in years. You have been sick all week so you really don't feel up to going out. You just want to sit home, talk about old times, and look at the videos you rented. Try to convince her it would be more fun to stay at home tonight than to out.

ROLE B: You haven't seen your best friend in years. You can't wait until your plane lands. Unbeknownst to your girlfriend you bought front row tickets for the grand opening of a Broadway play for both of you. Convince her to go out tonight.

Four**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: It's the end of the first semester and you've just received your grades - all As. You are ready to celebrate. You decide to have a party and have all your friends over. Try to convince your roommate that the party should take place tonight in your shared apartment.

ROLE B: You just got a call that your parents are in town tonight. They are there unexpectedly. They want to stay in the apartment with you. Convince your roommate to go spend the night elsewhere.

Five**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're a waiter. Because of an altercation with a female customer, you have just been fired from your job. You live 5 miles away and need to take the bus home. You don't have any money because they're keeping your last check because you received several advances. As you're walking down the street, a woman approaches. There is no one else out as it is midnight and the street is deserted except for her. Try to convince her to give you bus fare.

ROLE B: You had an altercation with a waiter last week in a restaurant near where you are. Your car has just broken down and there's no one in the area because it is late. You see a man in a waiter's uniform. Try to ask him to help you.

Six**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're the manager of a computer company. The company has been doing well and is having in-house promotions. Your secretary has just been promoted to a managerial position. You call her in to tell her the good news.

ROLE B: As a secretary, you have always wanted the opportunity to show your boss your talent. A world famous agency has just called you about a position that you have dreamed about for years. Because of that, you have decided that today is your last day at work.

Seven**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're the principal of a high school. You have been sent a notice from the district office that 70% of the student body must pass all of their classes or your school will be under state review and you will lose your job. You will convince your staff that they must pass 70% of the student body even if they don't want to. You have an appointment with Ms. Johnson, a first-year teacher, this afternoon.

ROLE B: You're Ms. Johnson. The first year of your teaching experience is nearing an end. Over 70% of your students have been failing. You have tried every teaching method you know and have not succeeded in getting your students to pass you class. You want to transfer to another school and need a recommendation from the principal. You have an appointment with him this afternoon.

Eight**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You live in a room rented from an elderly couple. Your landlord forbids you to have company. However, it is Super Bowl Sunday and your landlord has gone to visit their son. You invited your sister over for dinner. You look at the clock. It is 8:45 p.m. and your landlord will be home at 9:00 p.m.

ROLE B: Your sister has invited you over for Super Bowl Sunday. She has a new 60 inch stereo TV that includes a VCR. You went to Blockbuster and rented several of your favorite movies because you plan to spend the night.

Nine**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You have answered an ad for a wife. You have just arrived in town. You have a picture of your fiance John Smith but you don't see him at the airport. You

are looking for him. You know it is a small town. You see a woman approaching who looks friendly. You decide to ask her for help.

ROLE B: You have answered an ad for a wife. However you are supposed to meet your fiance John Hendricks tomorrow. Since you are a day early, you need to look for a hotel you see a woman approaching who looks friendly. You decide to ask her for help in finding a hotel. You have a picture of your fiance.

Ten**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're an identical twin. You've been trying to get a date with the football captain. Finally he asks you out on Friday. You accept. Unexpectedly your coach calls. There's a spot on the varsity volleyball team and you have a great chance to make the team. But you need to try out at 8 tonight. The same time your date is coming. Convince your sister to go out with the football captain.

ROLE B: You're an identical twin. You have been secretly posing as your sister, who is more popular than you. You have been going out with the star Basketball player. However, a guy you've been wanting to go out with asks you out. You don't want to cheat on your boyfriend. Convince your sister to go in your place.

Eleven**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You bought a dress last week on sale. You have decided to return it for your refund as you have changed your hair color and the dress clashes with it. You don't have the receipt as you lost it. You're not worried because store policy doesn't require a receipt for refunds.

ROLE B: You work at the refund counter at a dress shop. The store has just instituted a new refund policy: No refunds without a receipt. A customer approaches.

Twelve**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're underage to enter the hottest club in town. However when you put on makeup and certain clothes you look older. You have taken your older sister's

ID for proof of age. You're at the door to the club and the cashier asks for your ID. Your sister and you don't look alike. Convince the cashier to let you in.

ROLE B: You're a cashier at the hottest club in town. The club has gotten in trouble with the Liquor Board for allowing underage minors in. The last cashier lost her job because of letting in minors. The club will close if the Liquor Board returns and discovers underage minors again and you will be fired. A girl at the window has an ID that does not look like her.

Thirteen**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You want to trade-in your car. You don't want a new car as you believe they are too expensive and not well made. You have decided you want a car no older than a '95.

ROLE B: You're a car salesman. You will receive a \$1,000 bonus on every new car you sell or you can make even more money (\$1,500) by selling a car that is a '93 or '94 model because the dealership has an oversupply of them.

Fourteen**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your parents have gone away for the weekend and have left you in charge of the house. They have promised to buy you your own stereo-system if the house is in the same order when they return.

ROLE B: Your parents have gone away for the weekend. You are ready to have a party and have invited over 40 of your friends. You don't want to get in trouble. Convince your sister to let you have the party.

Fifteen**Author:** A. Alzate (New York)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: As principal of a school, you have been called in to the district office because a lot of athletes have been playing on the varsity with failing grades. The district will no longer allow failing athletes to play. You have an appointment with the coach.

ROLE B: You're the coach of the basketball team. Five of the seven players have failed 2 or more classes. Tonight is the state finals. Your star players must play if you are to win. You have always dreamed of this and finally you have a team that can catapult your name across the country and capture professional team attention on your players. You can see offers coming in from around the country. Nothing or no one is going to stop your dream.

Madre de hijo

Author: P. Pedraza (Mexico)

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MADRE DE HIJO A: Eres un chico de 17 años. Es jueves por la noche. Mañana es cumpleaños de tu mamá y quieres darle una sorpresa especial: llevarle serenata a la media noche con un grupo de amigos que tocan la guitarra y cantan. Ya casi es la hora en que quedaste de encontrarte con tus amigos en el café de la esquina. Encuentra la forma de salir sin que tu mamá sospeche nada. ¿Que le vas a decir?

MADRE DE HIJO B: Su hijo de 17 años ultimamente está saliendo por la noche a estudiar y visitar amigos. Esto le parece a usted bastante sospechoso, quizá su hijo pueda estar involucrado con personas o en situaciones que puedan causarle problemas o provoquen que salga lastimado. Después de pensarlo bien, usted ha decidido controlar estrictamente las salidas de su hijo. ¿Como va a enfrentarlo la próxima vez que él desee salir? ¿Como va a convencerlo de que eso es lo mejor para él?

Amigas desde la infancia

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AMIGAS A: Usted está en un café donde se va a encontrar con su mejor amiga a quien usted conoce desde la escuela primaria. Ultimamente ella parece llevarse "demasiado bien" con el novio de usted. Al principio la amistad de ellos dos parecía ideal, pero ahora esta situación se ha vuelto molesta y usted tiene temor de ser desplazada por su amiga. Usted está dispuesta a conservar el cariño de su novio a como de lugar. Así, tiene que enfrentar a su amiga y hablarle clara y directamente sobre esta situación. ¿Como va a tratar este tema sin lastimar a su amiga? ¿Que le va a decir?

AMIGAS B: Usted es la mejor amiga de una chica con la que está en un café. Ella le pidió que se encontraran para conversar lo cual resultó ideal porque usted tenía que buscar la manera de llevarla junto al lago del parque donde a su amiga le espera una sorpresa maravillosa. Usted y el novio de ella han estado planeando este encuentro durante varias semanas pues él le va a proponerle matrimonio en una forma romántica y espectacular. Convenza usted a su amiga de que vayan al

parque de inmediato. No permita que ella retrase el encuentro. ¿Como la va a convencer de que vayan al parque sin que ella sospeche nada? ¿Que va a decirle usted?

En la estacion de autobuses

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ESTACION DE AUTOBUSES A: Usted esta en la estacion de autobuses de la Ciudad de Mexico. Su autobus sale en dos minutos. Usted es un fumador empedernido y se da cuenta de que olvido su cajetilla de cigarros en casa. Usted ve a un señor que trae una cajetilla en el bolsillo de la camisa. ¿Como va usted a abordar al señor? ¿Como va a conseguir que le de cigarros?

ESTACION DE AUTOBUSES B: Usted esta en la estacion de autobuses de la Cd. De Mexico. El unico dinero en efectivo que trae es un billete de 500 pesos. Usted tiene muchisima hambre y en la cafeteria y las tienditas de la estacion nadie tiene cambio suficiente. Alguien se le acerca. ¿Como puede usted abordar a esta persona? ¿Que le puede usted decir para tratar de conseguir dinero?

A la puerta del teatro

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PUERTA DEL TEATRO A: Usted compro tres boletos para asistir a una funcion de teatro con sus padres que estarian de visita en la ciudad esta noche. Desafortunadamente, sus padres tuvieron un contratiempo y no llegaron sino hasta mañana. Los boletos fueron muy caros y usted es un estudiante de limitados recursos economicos. De hecho, esta a la puerta del teatro para tratar de vender los boletos un "poquito" mas caros de lo que le costaron pues se ha dado cuenta de que hay mucha gente que quiere ver la obra, pero los boletos se agotaron. Usted ve a una persona que parece muy interesada en conseguir boletos. ¿Como va a abordar a esta persona? ¿Que le va a decir?

PUERTA DEL TEATRO B: Usted es inspector de espectaculos del gobierno de la ciudad. A ultimas fechas se ha informado de un sujeto que compra boletos para los espectaculos mas concurridos, para despues venderlos mucho mas caros. En este momento esta usted a la puerta del teatro donde la funcion comenzara en unos minutos. Usted ve a una persona que corresponde a la descripcion del sujeto que ha sido reportado como revendedor. ¿Como va a lograr sorprenderlo cometiendo este delito? ¿Que le va a decir usted?

En el restaurante**Author:** P. Pedraza (Mexico)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

EN EL RESTAURANTE A: Hace un par de meses conociste a un chico que te gusto mucho y con quien saliste tres o cuatro veces. Realmente disfrutaste de su compañía y te hiciste muchas ilusiones. Un buen día, y sin explicacion, dejo de buscarte. Muchas veces quisiste buscarlo pero tu orgullo fue mas fuerte. Fue dificil, pero te sobrepusiste y ahora ya estas saliendo con alguien mas que no es tan "buena onda", pero con quien sabes que puedes contar. En este momento estas en un restaurante esperando a tu novio y ves que aquel chico que ya no te busco viene caminando hacia ti. ¿Como lo vas a recibir? ¿Que le vas a decir?

EN EL RESTAURANTE B: Acabas de cenar en un lujoso restaurante. Al pedir la cuenta y tratar de pagarla con tu tarjeta de credito, el capitan de meseros te informo que la tarjeta llego a su limite y que debes pagar con efectivo, pero no traes ni un solo peso. Para tu sorpresa ves que en otra mesa esta sentada una chica muy simpatica con quien saliste un par de veces. Por motivos familiares perdiste contacto con ella. Es posible que ella te ayude a salir de esta situacion embarazosa. Te acercas a ella. ¿Que le vas a decir?

Música rock**Author:** P. Pedraza (Mexico)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

MUSICA ROCK A: Usted es el representante de un famoso grupo de rock. Esta noche el grupo da un concierto masivo en esta ciudad y toda la gente esta esperando que comience. Al estar probando el equipo se dieron cuenta de que la guitarra electrica de uno de los integrantes de la banda desaparecio y nadie la puede encontrar, es posible que por error la hayan olvidado en la ciudad de donde vienen. Su mision es encontrar una guitarra lo mas pronto posible. Para su buena suerte, cerca del lugar del concierto usted ve a un chico que va caminando por la calle y lleva una guitarra que aparentemente es de las caracteristicas de la que usted busca. ¿Como lo va a abordar? ¿Que va usted a decirle?

MUSICA ROCK B: Usted es un musico de rock y toca la guitarra. Tiene enorme talento y practica todos los dias. Aunque trabaja en un bar local donde se presenta a tocar todas la noches, todavia espera su gran oportunidad. Esta seguro de que si la tuviera, alguien importante descubriria que usted es un gran guitarrista. Acaba de terminar su presentacion en el bar y se dirige caminando a casa. Alguien se aproxima. Usted es un poco desconfiado, especialmente a esta hora de la noche.

Soccer**Author:** P. Pedraza (Mexico)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

SOCCKER A: Usted es el director tecnico de un equipo profesional de futbol soccer. El partido de la semifinal comienza en menos de una hora y el autobus en el que viajan usted y los jugadores se descompuso. Pocos vehiculos circulan por la carretera y sus conductores no parecen ser muy amables. Finalmente, el conductor de un autobus escolar se detiene. Recuerde que es urgente que ustedes lleguen lo mas rapido posible al estadio. ¿Que va usted a decirle a este señor? ¿Como puede el ayudarles a resolver su problema?

SOCCKER B: Usted es el conductor de un autobus escolar y lleva a los jovenes jugadores del equipo de soccer de una escuela secundaria a un paseo recreativo para premiarlos por su trabajo deportivo. Originalmente, ellos querian asistir al partido de la semifinal de los profesionales, pero no fue posible porque los boletos estaban agotados. Un autobus esta a un lado de la carretera y una persona junto a el, haciendo señas para que usted se detenga. Usted se orilla y se acerca a esa persona. ¿Que le va usted a decir?

Buenas noticias**Author:** P. Pedraza (Mexico)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

BUENAS NOTICIAS A: Despues de dedicar varios años a la crianza de sus hijos, usted solicito y fue aceptada para un puesto que le ofrece todo lo que habia estado buscando: cerca de su casa, magnifico salario y grandes oportunidades para ascender. Su esposo no sabe de esto pues usted no estaba segura de obtener el trabajo y queria darle una sorpresa agradable en caso de tener un resultado positivo. Esto es realmente importante para que usted se sienta completa y productiva. Esta noche usted se ha esmerado en prepararle una cena especial para darle las buenas noticias. Su esposo acaba de llegar. ¿Que le va a decir usted? ¿Como va a comunicarle acerca de su nuevo trabajo?

BUENAS NOTICIAS B: Usted acaba de llegar a casa despues del trabajo y esta muy emocionado porque la compania para la que trabaja le acaba de proponer un cambio de residencia al extranjero. Realmente trabajo duro para hacer meritos y lograr algo como esto. Ahora va a vivir en un pais interesante y a ganar el doble de lo que gana ahora. ¿Como le va a comunicar las buenas noticias a su esposa? ¿Que le va a decir?

En la tienda de mascotas**Author:** P. Pedraza (Mexico)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

MASCOTAS A: Usted trabaja en una tienda de mascotas como unico dependiente y encargado. Los negocios no van muy bien y los clientes son pocos. Hace un momento recibio una llamada de su amigo diciendole que tiene un problema serio y que necesita que usted vaya a ayudarle de inmediato. Esto tomara solo unos cuantos minutos. La tienda tiene que permanecer abierta porque si no, usted tendra graves problemas. En este momento un cliente entra en la tienda, parece una persona confiable. ¿Como va usted a recibir a esta persona? ¿Como lo va a convencer de que lo ayude?

MASCOTAS B: Usted esta de paso en la ciudad para visitar a su hermana y conocer a su hijito de dos años de edad. A pesar de que tiene la nueva direccion de ella, olvido traer su telefono en casa y no esta seguro de como llegar. Usted ve una tienda de mascotas y entra en ella. Posiblemente aquí lo puedan ayudar. ¿Como va a solicitar ayuda? ¿Que va a decir?

Vecinos**Author:** P. Pedraza (Mexico)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

VECINOS A: Usted tiene todo listo para salir a las vacaciones que tanto habia esperado, excepto por una cosa: su hermano le habia prometido alimentar y cuidar a su perro y a sus peces pero el tambien tuvo que salir de la ciudad en un urgente viaje de negocios. Alguien llama a la puerta. Quiza esta persona pueda ayudarlo. ¿Que va usted a decir?

VECINOS B: Usted es una persona que tiene problemas de salud causados por alergias, principalmente por el pelo de perros y gatos. Por esta razon usted conserva en el refrigerador un frasco con la vacuna que debe aplicarse todo los dias. Desgraciadamente, el refrigerador se descompuso. Es viernes por la noche y definitivamente no le va a ser posible encontrar un tecnico que repare su refri hasta el lunes por la mañana. Si su vacuna permanece mas de seis horas fuera del refrigerador se va a arruinar. Lo unico que se le ocurre es ir a la casa de su vecino. Usted toca a la puerta de la casa de el. ¿Que va a decir usted? ¿Como va a pedir su ayuda?

Lunes por la mañana**Author:** P. Pedraza (Mexico)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

LUNES POR LA MAÑANA A: Son las ocho de la mañana y su esposa esta a punto de dar a luz. Ustedes necesitan llegar al hospital de inmediato. Al subirse al automovil, se dan cuenta de que no arranca. Es necesario que usted busque una forma de llegar al hospital ahora mismo. Usted sale a la calle y ve que su vecino esta a punto de subirse a su automovil. Sin embargo, las relaciones entre ustedes no han sido muy buenas. ¿Como va a conseguir su ayuda? ¿Que va a decir usted?

LUNES POR LA MAÑANA B: Usted esta a punto de subir a su automovil pues tiene justo el tiempo para llegar a las oficinas de la compañía donde solicito trabajo. Usted esta casi seguro de que le van a dar el puesto, pero hay algo que le preocupa: en la compañía le pidieron tres referencias de personas que lo conozcan y como usted no tiene muchos amigos solo pudo citar dos. Quizá de eso dependa que le den o no el trabajo. Uno de sus vecinos se aproxima a usted. ¿Que va usted a decirle?

En el mercado

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EN EL MERCADO A: Usted esta haciendo muchas compras en un mercado mexicano y las bolsas que trae pesan demasiado. Ya es tarde y debe volver rapidamente a su casa para preparar una comida especial para los padres del novio de su hija. No hay nadie que pueda ayudarle a cargar sus bolsas. Un señor que parece amable esta haciendo compras en un puesto. Quizá el pueda ayudearle. ¿Como se va a acercar usted a este señor? ¿Que le va a decir?

EN EL MERCADO B: Usted esta en un mercado mexicano comprando viveres para su familia. En el momento de pagar se da cuenta de que extravió su cartera. El vendedor espera impaciente su dinero porque ya peso y empaco todo lo que usted le pidio. Aunque la cuenta asciende a unos cuantos pesos, de alguna forma tiene que pagar porque realmente necesita los viveres. En ese momento usted ve a una señora que le parece conocida. ¿Como va usted a abordarla? ¿Que le va a decir?

En el aeropuerto

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EN EL AEROPUERTO A: Usted esta en el aeropuerto donde va a tomar un avion a Merida, Yucatan en unos cuantos minutos. Mañana lo esperan alla los papas de su novia, personas muy conservadoras y que esperan que usted sea muy educado y serio. Esta un poco nervioso y preocupado porque sabe que llevarles un

obsequio seria excelente idea, pero usted gasto todo su dinero en el boleto de avion. El vuelo a Merida se anuncia, usted se pone de pie y comienza a caminar hacia la puerta indicada. Alguien se le acerca.

EN EL AEROPUERTO B: Usted esta en el aeropuerto esperando impacientemente el vuelo a la ciudad de Merida, Yucatan que sale dentro de tres horas. Aunque usted queria partir mucho mas temprano porque tiene una inesperada y muy importante reunion de negocios, no le fue posible conseguir boletos para otro vuelo porque todos estaban llenos. Seguramente llegara tarde a su junta y esto les dara una pesima impresion a las personas con las que se va a encontrar. Para halagar a sus clientes potenciales lleva consigo una gran caja con un regalo. En ese momento se anuncia la salida de un vuelo con el mismo destino que el suyo. Los pasajeros se disponen a abordarlo. Entre los pasajeros hay un hombre joven y de apariencia amable. Quizá el pueda ayudarlo. ¿Como va usted a abordarlo? ¿Que le va a decir?

En la cafeteria de la universidad

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CAFETERIA A: Usted esta muy preocupado porque no entiende nada en la clase de Fisica y en dos dias tiene el examen final. Ya lo ha intentado todo y nada funciona. Uno de sus compañeros es muy buen estudiante y tiene mucha facilidad para la Fisica. El podria ayudarlo. Sin embargo, el semestre pasado usted se porto un poco egoista con el cuando le pidio sus notas de Español y usted se las nego. Aquí viene su compañero . ¿Como va a lograr que le ayude? ¿Que le va a decir?

CAFETERIA B: En su universidad hay una chica que a usted le gusta mucho porque ademas de atractiva es muy inteligente. Esta chica tiene muchos amigos y pretendientes y usted, pocas oportunidades. Hay alguien en su clase de Fisica que es buena amiga de esta chica. Usted piensa que si su compañera de clase interviene, usted puede tener oportunidad de llegar a conocerla. En este momento ve usted a su compañera. ¿Como va a aproximarse a ella? ¿Que le va a decir?

La plancha y la renta

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EN CASA A: La chica de sus sueños finalmente aceptó salir con usted. Su plancha no funciona y el único pantalón de vestir que tiene está arrugado. Para llegar a su cita debe salir de su departamento en quince minutos. Quizá su vecino(-a) pueda prestarle una plancha, pero el (ella) tiene fama de ser poco amigable y también egoista. ¿Cómo va a abordar a su vecino(-a)? ¿Qué le va a decir?

EN CASA B: Usted está atrasado(-a) , otra vez, en el pago de la renta. Su casero está a punto de llegar a recoger el dinero de la renta. Usted no tiene la cantidad necesaria, le faltan 50 pesos. Su casero le advirtió que si al venir hoy no tenía usted el total, tendría que dejar el departamento definitivamente. Alguien llama a la puerta. Tal vez esa persona pueda prestarle el dinero. ¿Cómo va usted a recibir a su visitante? ¿Qué le va a decir?

El mecánico**Author:** G. Shafer (California)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

TITLE A: Tienes que salir a EE.UU. debes estar alla el viernes o vas a perder tu trabajo. El coche esta en el taller. Hoy es miercoles y tienes que manejar 2 dias a donde necesitas estar. El coche no arranca. Vas al taller para hablar con el mecanico. El coche ha estado dos semanas en el taller. ¿Que vas a decir?

TITLE B: Eres mecanico. Tienes un coche de un gringo en tu taller. El coche no puede arrancar. Hoy conseguistes la pieza para arreglar el coche. Fue dificil encontrar la pieza. Tuvistes el coche por 2 semanas. Puedes arreglar si trabajas dos dias pero hoy es Miercoles y el Jueves tienes una operacion con el doctor y te van a hospitalizar de Jueves a Lunes. ¿Que vas a decir al mecanico?

El avión**Author:** G. Shafer (California)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

TITLE A: Es tu luna de miel. Tu y tu esposa tienen boletos de avion para viajar a Bali. Estan en el aeropuerto y se acaba de anunciar que el vuelo esta lleno. Por eso tu esposa tiene un boleto de descuento porque trabaja para una agencia de viajes y las linea aereas siempre dan preferencia a los pasajeros normales. ¿Que vas a decir al empleado?

TITLE B: Eres empleado de una linea aerea. El vuelo esta lleno. En estas situaciones la politica dice que hay que dar preferencia a los pasajeros que pagaron el precio normal. Un cliente que tiene un boleto para este vuelo lleno ha llegado a hablar contigo. ¿Que le vas a decir al cliente?

In the Hotel**Author:** G. Shafer (California)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your wife had taken off her wedding ring (which you had just bought for \$5,000) and place it on the sink in the hotel bathroom (She did not want to lose it

in the shower). You have knocked the ring into the sink drain while brushing your teeth. You can not get it out. Call the manager of the hotel. How will you greet him? What will you say? How will you fix the problem?

ROLE B: You are the manager of a hotel. A pipe has just burst in the Presidential suite and one of your most important clients is madly complaining about the incident. You have just sent the only hotel repair man to fix the broken water pipe. The phone is ringing. It could be anyone. What will you say?

At the Library

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ROLE A: You are a graduate student. You have an important paper due tomorrow. You lack one reference to finish your paper. The book you need has not been checked out and you suspect it is on one of the carts containing books to be shelve. You see a library clerk behind the counter. How will you greet him? What will you say?

ROLE B: You are a library clerk. The library is closing in 15 minutes. You have a hot date right after work. You can not be late for your date. A patron approaches. How will you greet him? What will you say?

TV

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ROLE A: You are an avid soap opera fan. There is only one TV. in the house. The most important episode is coming on in 15 minutes. Your friend comes in and changes the channel to a basketball game. What will you say?

ROLE B: You are an avid basketball fan. There is only one TV. in the house. The most important game of the season is on right now. You change the channel of the TV. to watch the game. Your friend appears mad when you this. What will you say?

At the W.C.

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ROLE A: You have to go to the restroom really bad. The W.C. is being cleaned. The floor appears wet. There is a big sign on the door which says Do Not Enter.

There is someone inside working. How will you greet him/her? What will you say?

ROLE B: You are cleaning a restroom. The floor is wet. You have put a big sign on the door which reads Do Not Enter. You got in trouble last week because someone slipped on the floor and is suing the company you work for. You were almost fired and you need your job. Someone enters the rostrum. How will you greet him/her? What will you say?

At the W.C. Again

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ROLE A: You have to go to the rostrum really bad. There is someone at the entrance to the W.C. who is collecting 2 pesos from everyone as they enter. You have no money. How will you greet the person? What will you say?

ROLE B: Your job is to collect 2 pesos from everyone who enters the restroom. You got in trouble last week for letting one of your friends in for free. You almost lost your job. Your boss is nearby. Someone approaches. How will you greet them? What will you say?

The Football Game

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ROLE A: You are on vacation in Costa Rica. You couldn't find a camera for your trip so you borrowed one from a friend. The camera is very expensive. You bring it to a bar to watch a big football (soccer) game. You capture some great pictures of the locals going crazy every time a goal is scored. All of a sudden you and the camera are drenched with beer, and the camera doesn't seem to be working. You identify who has spilled the drink. How will you greet him/her? What will you say?

ROLE B: You go to see the big football (soccer) game in a bar. Your favorite team has just scored a goal and everyone including you is going crazy. You accidentally spill your drink on someone who is holding a camera in the process. What will you say to them?

The Dinner Table

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ROLE A: You are a foreign exchange student studying in Zacatecas Mexico. Your host family has prepared a special meal for you de la comida típica. It smells and looks good as you learn you are about to eat cow brains. What will your reaction be. What will you say to the host family.

ROLE B: You are hosting a foreign exchange student in your house during a study abroad summer program. You have decide to give them a treat of comida típica de Zacatecas Mexico. You have worked all day preparing the meal and have absolutely nothing left in the refrigerator. The guest has an interesting expression on his face when told what they were eating. How will you react to the facial reaction? What will you do?

Love Connection?

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ROLE A: You have finally found the girl of your dreams. She is beautiful, intelligent, funny, has a great job, and a wonderful personality. You are talking with her over a nice candle lit dinner. You are a strong Protestant and do not agree with the Catholic Religion? Ask your date what her religion is? How will you ask? What will you say?

ROLE B: You have finally found the man of your dreams. He is smart, funny, great personality, rich, and very good looking. You are talking with him over a beautiful candle lit dinner. He has just asked what religion you are -- You are a strong Catholic, and religion is one of the most important things in the world to you. How will you respond to the question? What will you say?

The Emergency

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ROLE A: You are extremely allergic to bee stings, and you've just been stung. If you don't make it to a hospital within 30 minutes you could die. Someone is walking to their car. What will you say to them? How will you approach them?

ROLE B: You are on your way to the airport. You have an extremely important business trip and you are late for your flight to Tokyo. Someone approaches you on your way to your car. How will you react to them? What will you say?

The \$100 Bill

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ROLE A: You have just eaten a great meal at a nice Mexican restaurant. The waiter gives you the check. You give him your last \$100 bill (the only money you have). He is coming back to your table. What do you say to him?

ROLE B: You are the head waiter/manager of one of the nicest restaurants in the city. A customer has just eaten a very expensive meal and is attempting to pay with what you discover to be a counterfeit \$100 bill. You go back to the table to discuss the problem with the customer. How do you handle the situation? What do you say?

Breakdown**Author:** G. Shafer (California)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your car breaks down while driving in Mexico. It won't start. You're in the middle of nowhere. A tow truck pulls up and the driver comes towards you. What do you say to him? How will you handle the situation?

ROLE B: You are a tow truck driver. Your 6 month old son desperately needs an operation to restore his eyesight. The operation costs \$1,000 and you do not have the money. You see a broken down gringo in the middle of nowhere. You get out of your towtruck to go talk to him. What will you say to him?

Travel**Author:** G. Shafer (California)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You have just finished all of your final exams and need to take a vacation. Your friends and you decide to go to the beach. You have \$200 budget. You go into a travel agency. Someone is sitting at the desk. What do you say to him?

ROLE B: You are a travel agent. Your boss has just told you that if you want to keep your job you had best sell some of the famous all inclusive beach packages which cost \$250. A customer walks in your office as you are sitting down at your desk. What do you say to him?

The Party**Author:** G. Shafer (California)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your classmates have placed you in charge of organizing the end of the year party. You have the place, the drinks, the food -- everything, all you need

now is a D.J. You have \$200 left in your budget. There is only one D.J. listed in the yellow pages. You pick up the phone and call. What will you say?

ROLE B: You are an excellent D.J. that specializes in parties. You usually charge \$300, but you have been negotiated down to \$205 before. A the phone ring at your business. How will you answer the phone? What might you say if it's a customer?

A Visiting Friend

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: Your best friend is visiting from out of state. You want to show her your beautiful city at night and you are taking this opportunity to stay up late at night. You do not want your husband to come along because you want to spend some time alone with her and because your husband likes to go to bed early and never wants to stay up later than 11 p.m. Discourage him from coming with you without telling him up front, so you do not hurt his feelings.

ROLE B: Your wife's friend is visiting from out of state. She also happens to be a childhood friend of yours. You would like to surprise both your wife and her friend by taking them out to a wonderful local show and have already bought the tickets. This show suits you perfectly as it ends at 10:30 p.m. and you always like to be in bed by 11 p.m. on week nights. Try to convince them to go out with you without letting them know about the planned surprise.

Roommates

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: The man you have admired for so long has finally invited you out on a date. You have nothing to wear and you also have no money to spend. You would like to ask your roommate if she can let you borrow the gorgeous new dress that she just bought last weekend. You feel a little embarrassed to ask, though, as you know that it cost her a fortune. You are desperate and you decide to try to convince her anyway.

ROLE B: Your sister just borrowed your favorite sweater and returned it with a huge spot that you know would not come out. Your sweater is ruined. You are fed up with lending your nice clothes, and you decide not to lend them to any one anymore ever. Your roommate walks in. You feel very frustrated but you do not want to share your feeling with her lest she might think that you are selfish.

A Matter of Trust**Author:** F. SarrufROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your friend intends to go out with this wonderful guy that she met at a party. She already has a boyfriend though, and she does not want him to find out. She told you what was happening, and that she made her boyfriend believe that she is spending the night with you as you were having some problems that you needed to discuss. You do not like to lie, but agreed to go along with the lie since you do not have to confront her boyfriend anyway. You answer the phone. Your friend's boyfriend is on the phone.

ROLE B: Your girlfriend told you that she is spending the night at her friend's house as her friend was having some problems and needed to confide in her. Since you has nothing to do this evening you decided to take a walk downtown. As you were walking downtown you thought that you saw your girlfriend with a guy going in a movie theater. You decide to call her friend to check on your girlfriend but do not want to sound suspicious.

The French Riviera**Author:** F. SarrufROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are on vacation on the French Riviera with your boyfriend. You are spending only one day there before you return to the States. As you see all these topless women on the beach, you decide that you really would like to try going topless at least once in your life. The problem is that your boyfriend is with you and you know that he would not like you to do it. you are embarrassed even to mention it in front of him. The solution, you think, is to get rid of him and to try to do it in his absence. You just want to be absolutely sure that he would not come near the beach while you are there topless.

ROLE B: You are on vacation on the French Riviera with your girlfriend. You are spending only one day there before you return to the States. You see all these topless women on the beach and you can't get yourself to move from there. Try to convince your girlfriend to remain there the whole day.

At a Party**Author:** F. SarrufROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your parents are very clear about their expectations: you may not drink. To encourage you to stick to their expectations they have promised you a brand

new Volkswagen Jetty for your birthday. If you fail to live up to their expectations, you will not receive the awaited gift. You know that they mean what they said. You are at a party and you have managed to avoid any alcoholic beverage so far as you do not want to take a chance with the car. You do not want nay one to find out about your resolution not to drink lest they might tease you. All of a sudden you see the most handsome guy on the school football team coming towards you and you have always admired him. You can almost predict what is coming up as he is holding two drinks in his hand. How would you handle the situation?

ROLE B: You notice this gorgeous girl all by herself. She seems to be bored and you think that offering her a drink may be a good excuse for a conversation and for inviting her out.

At the Store

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: You have just bought a few clothing items from a department store. As you prepare to leave you discover that the sales clerk has forgotten to charge you for a shirt. You are a very honest person and could not live with yourself if you were to take something that you have not paid for. You decide to go back and to point it out to the sales clerk.

ROLE B: You are a sales clerk at a department store. You just finished ringing a transaction to a customer and getting ready to close the cash register. You are in a hurry to finish as your boyfriend has invited you to the coolest rock concert. All of a sudden you see your last customer return to let you know that you made an error in his transaction and that you undercharged him. He asks you to amend your error. You are now thinking you might be missing your date with your boyfriend; furthermore your manager is at the cashier next to you and could overhear this conversation, and know that you made a mistake (you already made three this past weekend and may lose your job). You want therefore to get rid of this customer.

At the Restaurant

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: You wanted to impress the girl you admire and have intend her to a fancy Spanish restaurant. As you look at the menu you realize that the cost of the average meal is well beyond your budget. That would probably mean that you would really have to sacrifice on food for the rest of the month. You can either convince your friend to go to another restaurant or to limit herself to a drink and a

hors d'oeuvre. You want to convince your friend without sounding cheap though, because you want to impress her.

ROLE B: You have been wanting for the opportunity to go out to a Spanish restaurant for a long time. Your new date invites you to this fancy Spanish restaurant. You have heard about the wonderful Spanish food they serve, and in anticipation you have not eaten the whole day so you can really have a big feast. Furthermore you want to test how gallant is your new friend by asking for a fancy meal.

TITLE C: You are a waiter at this fancy Spanish restaurant. Your boss have threatened to fire you because you do not know how to convince the clients to order expensive meals. He expects you to push the next customers to order meals not less than \$40 per person if not you would be fired by the end of the evening.

An Art Poster

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: You are an American student in Mexico studying the language and the art. You are studying the art of a young debutante Mexican artist whose work is very hot on the market right now. You enter an art gallery and find the print that you are missing from your collection. You have been looking all over for it and you are not about to let it go. The print is priced at \$225 pesos. You only have \$200 with you and there is no way that you can get hold of \$25 pesos at the last minute. You are not carrying a credit card either. Still you are confident that you can by the print at \$200 pesos; after all people do barter in Mexico. Convince the gallery owner to sell it to you at this price.

ROLE B: You are an art gallery owner in Mexico. You just got off the phone talking with a young debutante Mexican artist whose art is very hot on the market right now. He announce that he was coming to your gallery the next day and he was going to sign all the prints you have representing his art. This means that any signed print would double in price. As you hang up the phone you see this young American customer approaching you with the print of that artist in hand. Now you do not want to sell it to him at the marked price because it would double in price the next day. How do you deal with the situation?

Babysitting

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: You are baby sitting for a 6 months baby whose parents are out of town for the weekend. You went out to the garden for a minute to check on the dog

who was barking. While you are out in the garden the door closes and you realize that you are locked out without the key. After a few minutes you hear the baby crying inside. You go to the neighbors and call the locksmith. He arrives and unlocks the door for you. You do not want the family for whom you are sitting to find out what happened, because you worry that they might be upset with you and not call you to sit anymore. You decide to ask the locksmith not to send a bill so the family does not find out about what happened, rather accept cash from you. He charges \$60 but you only have \$20. Try to convince him to accept \$20 only.

ROLE B: You work as a locksmith. You receive a call from a customer and you go to perform a service. To guarantee the collection of your money you usually send a bill to the house that you did the service for or accept cash. The charge for a regular call is \$60. At the end of the service you inform the customer of your method of collection.

A Tourist in Spain

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: You are an American from Spanish descent. You decide to take a trip to Spain to visit your relatives that you have never met before. You saved for a very long time in order to afford this trip and you have a limited amount of money to spend in Spain. You bought nice presents for all your Spanish cousins and your aunt at whose house you are planning to stay. When you arrive there and after giving them their presents, your cousin informs you that you locked out because your aunt's birthday is the next day. Your cousin asks you if you want to accompany him to the store. Once there your cousin proposes to you to share the cost of the present with him. The present is a very expensive 'Chanel' purse. It is beyond your means, yet you feel a little embarrassed to refuse since you are staying at their house. Remember such an expense could really deplete you from all the money you have. How can you get out of it without offending him?

ROLE B: Your American cousin has just arrived from the US. and is staying at your house. Your mother's birthday is the next day and you are thinking that maybe he can share the expense of a present with you, a 'Chanel' purse, or even pay for the whole present. Granted the purse is expensive, (it costs the equivalent of \$400) but if he can afford such an expensive trip to Spain he must be loaded with money. Besides since he is staying at your house, it is really the least he could do.

Looking for a Hotel in Mexico

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: You have just arrived at the airport in Mexico after a long trip. All you want to do right now is to get to the hotel so you can rest. You take a taxi and ask the driver to take you to the hotel that your friend recommended. It is reasonably priced, safe and clean. The taxi driver tells you that it is too far and not as comfortable as another one he knows. You hesitate a little, but you still trust your friends' judgment. Ask the driver to take you to the hotel that your friend recommended.

ROLE B: You are a taxi driver in Mexico. You have an agreement with a hotel that every time you bring in a customer you get a very nice commission. You really need the money as your wife needs a costly operation and you try to convince the American tourist to go to this hotel.

Boarding a Dog

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: You are planning a trip to Mexico for your vacation. You have a lovely dog that must be taken care of while you are gone. The problem is that it is very costly to try boarding him in a kennel (\$300 for two weeks) and you would much rather be spending this money having fun on your vacation. A nice solution would be to board your dog at your friend's house for free. She/he has a wonderful garden and the dog would love it there. Convince your friend to keep your dog for free.

ROLE B: You have a good friend who is going on a trip. You know that she has a dog and she would probably need to board him while she is gone. Even though you hate dogs, especially hers, you are really in need of extra money. If you could only convince her to pay you what she would have paid to board the dog at the kennel, you would be willing to put up with the trouble. Convince your friend to keep her dog at your house and to pay you what she would have paid the kennel.

In Pursuit of a Better Grade

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: You are a high school student. Your parents are pressuring you to get a B average in school or they will take away your car privileges. You just found out that your grade in Spanish is C-. It is almost the end of the quarter and you want to talk to your Spanish teacher about a possible extra credit assignment in order to raise your grade. Try to convince him/her to give you an easy assignment that can improve your grade so you won't lose your car.

ROLE B: You are a Spanish teacher at a high school. A student is coming to see you for extra credit work. You usually allow students who have poor grades to make them up by doing extra credit, however the school administration has just informed you that you have been giving too many As and Bs and that grade inflation would not be permitted anymore. You do not want to tell the student that you have been accused of grade inflation by the administration, yet you know that you cannot accept extra credit work anymore. How will you explain your sudden change of policy?

At the Movies

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: Your date invited you to see a movie. When you get to the theater you realize that the movie they are showing is full of violence. You hate this kind of movies since they literally make you sick. Your favorite movies are romantic comedies. You really like your date though and do not want to hurt his feelings as he seems excited about the movie. Try to convince him to see a romantic comedy instead.

ROLE B: You invited your date to see a movie. You are all excited about seeing this wonderful film that you heard so much about. It contains very authentic scenes of war, that are such a realistic reflection of life, not like those meaningless romantic comedies that they make nowadays.

What Friends Are For

Author: F. Sarruf

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ROLE A: Your best friend just started being a Mary Sue representative. At every occasion she tries to convince you indirectly to buy some make up from her. Your friendly gatherings always end up with the praises of these make up products and about the discussion of the fortune that she would be making out of these products. You are fed up with this topic, and you also think that these products are not worth much. You think that she is being taken advantage of. Try to convince your friend, without hurting her feelings, that these products are not worth their price and that the organization is only preying on her.

ROLE B: You have just joined the Mary Sue make up line products. You are very excited about them and think you can become a millionaire out of them. You have a friend that you like very much and would like her to take advantage of these wonderful products, as well as give her a chance to become a millionaire. It would also be nice to make some money of her at the same time; after all aren't friends supposed to be supportive of you? You have spoken to her indirectly

about these products a few times, but she just cannot imagine the kind of money she would be making out of it. Try to convince her one more time.

In a Restaurant**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: It is near the end of your shift and you have just received the last table of the day. Today is the last day of a sales contest. The contest calls for you to see one or more beverages to each customer. You are one beverage away from winning a trip to a place where you have always wanted to go. Prepare to wait on and sell to your customer.

ROLE B: You are very hungry so you enter a restaurant. You are also in somewhat of a hurry. You never drink anything with your meals, not even water; it is against your personal dietary rules. Prepare to order.

In a Shop**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are trying to find the bus station and are lost. You need to ask for directions. You step into the doorway of a nearby shop. Prepare to speak to the man behind the counter.

ROLE B: Business has been slow and you've decided to supplement your income selling Amway products. Here comes someone now. Prepare to practice your sales pitch.

Lovers**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You've been going out with this guy for a while. Sometime ago you both initiated intimate relations and it's been great. In fact, you are at the hot and heavy stage. Your guy is picking you up shortly to go out to eat but you just want to skip dinner and go to bed with him.

ROLE B: You are picking up your girlfriend to go out to eat. You are nuts about this lady--she drives you wild. She may be "THE ONE". Despite this, you don't really want to go out tonight. You've done hard manual labor all day, to which you are not accustomed, and you are bone-tired and weary and sore. You really want some fast food, a beer, and to go to sleep. What will you say to your lady?

In the Woods**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)

based on the story "Macario" by B. Traven

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ROLE A: You are so poor you, your wife and your eleven children have always lived on the edge of starvation. Your life's fantasy is to someday eat an entire chicken all by yourself. One dawn your wife wakes you up, tells you she's saved a penny a week for 5 years and has bought and prepared a whole chicken for you. Honoring her sacrifices you leave the house and go into the woods to eat it all and fulfill your fantasy and your wife's effort. You are about to take your first bite when you see Death himself approach.

ROLE B: It's another day at the office. The poor woodcutter is on your agenda. You find him the woods with a cooked, whole chicken in his hands. It's been centuries since you have had any food and the chicken smells divine.

Mother and Daughter**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're the mother of a 16 year old girl. She has been asked to a party by a boy you don't like. You want to talk to her about it.

ROLE B: You're 16 and have been invited to a party by a boy you don't like all that much. You've accepted in order to go and meet another boy there whom you do like. Your mom is calling you.

Hitching to Glenwood Springs**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: On a whim you've quit your job and called a pal who's leaving for California today. You can go with him if you can get to his place by this afternoon. He lives 160 miles west of here and you've decided to hitch hike. Here comes a pick-up truck full of guys in front and back. There is a piece of machinery in the back, too.

ROLE B: You need to deliver a machine to a construction site. You have the machine but there's not enough guys in your crew to pick it up and move it out of the truck. You see a hitch hiker up the road.

What to Do?**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your family has rented a cabin along with another family. It's been a great time and you want to rent it for another week. You are going to talk to Mike about it.

ROLE B: Your family has rented a cabin along with another family. It's been pure hell. You can hardly wait for this week to end. In fact, you're thinking of leaving a couple of days early. You need to tell Bob.

Shopping for Shoes**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your store has a promotion on brand-name athletic shoes. Your store carries only one kind of shoe: Those with logos all over them. If you sell two more pairs you will be able to meet a sports star and receive 4 tickets to the big game.

ROLE B: You need a pair of walking shoes. You despise shoes with logos. You enter a shoe store. Prepare to buy some shoes.

Snowstorm**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are on your way to the slopes. You will get free lift tickets -- a \$50 value -- if you get there before 10 a.m. Time-wise you're cutting it close. As you round a curve you see a car in the ditch and a person flagging you down. You stop to find out what's happened. You do not have a cell phone.

ROLE B: Your car has slid off the road and into a ditch. You need to go back down the road 10 miles and call a tow truck. You have flagged down a car with a ski rack on top. Prepare to ask for help.

The Laundry Man**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You take your laundry to the shop on the corner. The guy who runs the place has taken a liking to you, done you favors, and taken you places in his car. However, he's usually depressed and talks constantly. All you want to do is drop off your laundry and get on with your day.

ROLE B: A foreign student is your customer. He's a nice guy, you've taken him places and have had good time. He breaks the monotony of your existence. You see him coming down the street. Prepare to make arrangements to go out on the town.

The Beggar

Author: T. Wendelin (Colorado)

Adapted from the Sherlock Holmes story, "The Man with the Twisted Lip," by Arthur Conan Doyle

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ROLE A: You are a professional beggar. Everyday you leave your middle class home in the suburbs, put on a hideous, piteous disguise, and go downtown to beg. You look so pitiful, people give you money all the time. You are embarrassed by your deception and want to keep your "job" a secret, especially from your wife.

ROLE B: When you married your husband asked you to swear never to ask him what his occupation was. You never have asked. He never talks about his work and is very secretive. You all have plenty of money. You fear he may be a drug dealer or doing something else illegal. As you just found out that you're pregnant, you must consider the child and the future. Prepare to ask your husband about these things.

Prom Night

Author: T. Wendelin (Colorado)

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ROLE A: Your old boyfriend is at your house to get directions to the house of his date. He looks nice in his tuxedo. You are expecting your new boyfriend to arrive at any moment. In fact, there's the doorbell now. You want to ask him to give your old boyfriend a ride to his date's house on the east side of town.

ROLE B: You knock on your girlfriend's door. When she answers you see her old boyfriend there dressed in a tuxedo. You have arrived early to take your girlfriend to a surprise pre-prom party on the west side of town.

The Mountain**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're climbing a mountain today. You want to use a shorter, faster but more dangerous route so you can climb down earlier than planned. You are very happy because you have a date in town tonight with a new girl you've met named Sally. Prepare to select your route with your climbing partner.

ROLE B: You're climbing a mountain today and it's a good thing too. You're in a bad mood because an old flame of yours, Sally, has a date with a new guy tonight. You had called her in hopes of re-kindling the romance. To soothe your soul you want to take the long, gentle route up the mountain and walk out your cares and woes. Prepare to select your climbing route with your partner.

Election Eve**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a foreigner visiting Mexico. National elections will be held tomorrow and no liquor sales whatsoever are allowed from now until the polls close. Yet, after a hot, searing day hiking across a tortured, drought-ridden, and parched landscape all you want is a beer. You have decided to hire a taxi and enlist the driver in search for a bootlegger. What will you say to the taxi driver?

ROLE B: You are a Mexican taxi driver. You have only 10 minutes left on your shift and you are looking forward to going home since you are dead tired. A foreigner has entered your cab and you hope it's a quick fare. You picked him up because you need the \$ for a new muffler as much as you need sleep.

At the Bridge**Author:** T. Wendelin (Colorado)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a tourist visiting a national park filled with waterfalls, streams and lush vegetation. You need to cross a bridge over a deep stream and hurry up the trail to catch your bus, which is leaving any moment. However, the bridge is blocked by a photographer and a model conducting an intense photo session. Prepare to ask them to let you by.

ROLE B: You are a professional photographer. You and your model have finally found the right setting for a photo-shoot. You have waited weeks for this opportunity: The light is perfect but fading fast. You have paid \$100 to the

authorities to use this bridge for your photos. You notice someone approaching the bridge.

One**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You ask a girl out on a 1st date, you really want to impress her. Your friends dad owns a restaurant where you get a 50% discount. It is a steak house specializing in Prime Rib. You're on a very strict budget.

ROLE B: You are asked out by someone you've been noticing and you're thinking it would be fine to get to know him a little better. You've just lost 10 lbs and you are feeling really positive about your new strictly vegetarian diet. You're a little embarrassed about the diet (new way of eating).

Two**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are going to a dance this Friday with a really cute girl/boy. You want to buy some new "cool" shoes to impress. You ask your good friend to go along to help in the selection of shoes.

ROLE B: Your friend asks you to go shopping with him/her to help buy shoes for this date he has with the person you've started to like. She has told you the kinds of things/style she likes from casual conversation. You want your friend to buy shoes that will turn her off. How do you do that?

Three**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are visiting a friend in N.Y. As he leaves for work he asks you to take his dog out for a walk in the park. While in the park you read a sign that says \$50 fine for not cleaning up your dog's droppings. You noticed the dog squatting to relieve herself. You also notice a park ranger watching you both. A man approaches you.

ROLE B: You are late for your wife's birthday party, so you cut through Central Park to hurry home. You have just purchased a new leather briefcase for her. You have it wrapped in plastic so the wrapping won't get wet. It starts to sprinkle. You see a man with a dog and stop to ask the time.

Four**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are having a birthday party for your husband. You tell everybody to bring a white elephant gift. You are told not to expect very much but that if someone brings something act appreciative. You love old trinkets.

ROLE B: You are invited to a birthday party and are told to bring a white elephant for the gift. You tell your spouse to pack something out. As the gifts are being opened you realize she gave away your favorite childhood toy you've been saving all these years. What do you say?

Five**Author:** name (state)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are on an airplane and you need to have an aisle seat because the medication you are taking has given you diarrhea. You are assigned 15 B. The middle seat o 3. You notice that your is by one of the emergency exists. You want to ask the man next to you to switch.

ROLE B: You are an airplane security officer trained in terroristic hijackings. You've been sent on this flight because there has been information leaked that a hijacker may have boarded the plane. You are not to divulge the information to any one so as to not alarm all the passengers. The person next to you taps you on the shoulder.

Six**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are on a train coming into New York. The train is packed full of people. You don't know your way around and need to ask someone for instructions. Your carry on is piled up with all the others. You want to retrieve it quickly and then ask your seating partner for directions. The train stops, and when you pull down your carry on it falls open into the aisle. You don't know what to do, you ask your neighbor for help.

ROLE B: You are on a train to New York from New Jersey. You have a business meeting to preside over. The train is running late because of all the people aboard. You are already 10 min. late. You remember last week when your wife

dropped her purse and nobody helped her to recover her things. It really made you mad. Your neighbor in the other seat yells for help as the train comes to a stop.

Seven**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are coming out of the store late at night and only four cars are in the parking lot. You load your groceries in the car and to start the engine. Your car won't start. You see a person you barely recognize and ask him for help.

ROLE B: You are coming out of the store late at night. You notice a woman trying to start her car. It is the mother of the boy who has been egging your house. You've been wanting to talk to her for some time as the egg is not washing off the side of your house. She calls for you to come over.

Eight**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your husband calls you from work and tells you to get really dressed up because you're going out to a fancy restaurant to celebrate. You also ask her to bring the pants you wore yesterday, but not to empty them out.

ROLE B: You are doing the laundry and you noticed in the washer a piece of a ticket stub that has been ruined in the wash. You don't think anything about it and throw it away. You are trying to get all the wash done so you can relax with your husband this weekend. The phone rings.

Nine**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You have a college roommate who you notice doesn't shower very often and is starting to stink. You don't want to make a big deal out of it but it is starting to bother you. Some girls that you've been interested in have also suggested you say something.

ROLE B: You're living with a roommate while going to school. The doctor has just called to let you know the test results of your ear infection. It has gone into your brain and you could very well die. Your roommate invites you to a party and suggests you shower first. (?)

Ten**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You would like to start exercising in the morning to get in better shape. You know this girl in your class likes to run. Your roommate brings up the conversation in front of the girl. You think she is quite attractive and are shocked when she says yes to running.

ROLE B: You like to run. A boy in class asks you if you'd like to run in the mornings with him. You don't want to be rude so you say yes. You're really interested in his friend. How do you get his friend to join you for the run.

Eleven**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a student going to college. You don't have any extra money. Your parents and relatives really can't help you out either. The last two weeks you've had a bad tooth ache on and off. You finally decide to go. You ask your filthy rich friend for a ride.

ROLE B: The phone rings. Your roommate asks you to take him to the dentist. You don't really like his style and mode of living. He often eat fast foods and is not real responsible with the money he has. You want to bring it to his attention but you can't figure out how.

Twelve**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are long term subbing at a new high school. You really need this job. The principal tells you that some of the students have been causing problems by getting out of class. You are told to not let any one out of class and do not leave them unattended. A teacher next door approaches your room.

ROLE B: You are a teacher at the high school. You've brought in an expensive coin collection that the class is looking at. There are a few student you don't trust. You are fighting the flu and suddenly feel diarrhea coming on. You go next door to ask the teacher to look in on your room and your collection of coins.

Thirteen**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are in the computer lab. You are hurrying to finish an important paper. The lab will be closing in 5 min. You reach for your disk to save your work and you realize you have forgotten your disk. The person next to you has a disk. What do you do?

ROLE B: You are in the computer lab and you are just finishing typing for the day. You are not very good with the computer and you need to save your work on your disk that you fear might be too full. The lab closes in 5 min. You ask the guy next to you for help.

Fourteen**Author:** P. Spring (Hawai'i)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You have just made the high school Basketball team. You are told the team's shoe is Nike. These are your favorite Basketball shoes. You know how much they cost. You ask your dad to take you to get some shoes for the team. Your dad is real proud of you and is willing to go.

ROLE B: Your son has just made the high school Basketball team. You want to go and buy your son some new shoes for the season. A guy you know owns a sports store and he gives you 40% off of the special of the week. This week it is Rebok. You know your son likes Nike, because the Nike's slash is cut into his hair. How do you convince him to buy Rebok.

One**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a student at Whitewater High School. You see an unfamiliar student in the hall. You are on assignment to interview the foreign exchange students this year. What questions might you ask to find out as much as you can about this person and make your article as interesting as possible?

ROLE B: You are a foreign exchange student from Mexico and it is your first day at Whitewater High School. You are lost and need to find your science class. You stop to ask for directions of another student.

Two**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You have just seen your idol, Enrique Iglesias in concert. You have all of his CDs. and would die if you had the chance to actually meet him. You happen to have backstage passes. You speak to the security guard before heading backstage. How do you greet the security guard? Do you ask him any questions?

ROLE B: You are a security guard at the pop idol, Enrique Iglesias, concert. your job is to protect him at all costs. You will lose your job if you don't. A young fan comes backstage; you suspect her pass is fake. What do you say to her so she understands that she cannot go backstage?

Three**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a Spanish waiter who works for minimum wage. You rely on American tourists leaving big tips. You need to be extremely polite. The specialty of the house is "gazpacho", a traditional vegetable soup made of tomato, cucumber, bread, garlic. It is served ice cold. What do you say when you bring out your customer's food?

ROLE B: You are an American tourist in a Spanish restaurant. You've ordered "gazpacho," and to your dismay, it tastes like it just came out of the refrigerator. You prefer soups to be hot. You're not sure you can stomach cold soup since you've been feeling a bit queasy today. What do you say to your waiter?

Four**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are riding in a taxi on the way to your wedding. You are extremely nervous, and are having second thoughts about whether or not go through with it or not. When you finally arrive, at the church, you realize that you don't have enough money to pay the handsome driver his fare. What do you say to the driver on the ride there, and what excuse do you give for not having money?

ROLE B: You are a taxi driver. Your job is to transport people to their destinations and to make them feel comfortable in your taxi, of which you are very proud. You're planning on attending a party this evening, but have no date and are very

upset. You are so upset that you spill your coffee all over your passenger's dress. What will you say to resolve your problems?

Five**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a vendor of artesanias at the mercado. You begin a conversation with a well dressed customer to try to get her to buy something (preferably one of your most expensive items, a carved wooden mask).

ROLE B: You are a well-dressed customer at an artesanía stand at the mercado. The vendor looks like your first true love who stood you up at the Taconaso restaurant 3 years ago, never to be seen again. Needless to say, you are a little bitter. Not to mention the fact that he borrowed your prized collection of Barry Manilow CDs, and never returned it. How will you react upon seeing this person again. What if it's not who you think it is?

Six**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a passenger on a bus. You've been drinking heavily, celebrating your return from Mexico. You don't want to go straight home because you want to continue partying. Try to convince your fellow passenger to head to the tavern with you.

ROLE B: You are a passenger on a bus. You don't drink, and you think people who do are not too bright. You are on your way to your first Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, and are afraid to go alone. The first topic of discussion at the meeting is to be about how NOT to be an enabler. You try to get the other passenger to accompany you.

Seven**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a Spanish teacher talking to students individually about their progress in your class. You are also asking for their input as to their opinions of the class, and for them to recommend activities that they would like to try next semester.

ROLE B: You are a "behavioral challenged" (naughty student) in a Spanish class. Today you are in a particularly bad mood because you were assigned to Saturday School for having skipped class the other day. You need to get your teacher to sign the form and tell you what to work on during your hours in Saturday School.

Eight**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a guardia civil in Madrid, Spain. You carry a machine gun as you patrol the grounds of the Retiro Park. You see a young American seated on the wall bordering the park; her back is to you. Loitering is against the rules as it takes away from the beauty of the park. Get the attention of the loiterer and then explain why he/she cannot rest there.

ROLE B: You are an American teenager lost in Madrid. You have no map and are afraid being in such a big city. You sit down to rest on a short wall separating some trees from the sidewalk. You encounter a scary policeman-type guy. Get directions to your hotel, "Hotel San Antonio en la Gran Via". Make sure you understand the instructions before walking away.

Nine**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a guest at a hotel. You made reservations for a single room over a month ago. You arrive at the hotel reception desk. Request your room key, and ask for suggestions on location and price range of some good restaurants.

ROLE B: You are a concierge at a nice hotel. You have been informed that there are no more rooms available, and are told that in NO circumstances should you register anymore guests. Keep in mind that you don't want to scare off future business, so you must be polite.

Ten**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a Mexican girl who has just met your American brother. You greet him in the standard Mexican fashion, and offer to take him out to see Morelia later that afternoon before dinner.

ROLE B: You are an American boy in Morelia, Mexico. You value your personal space and are very uncomfortable when others invade it. You have just arrived at your Mexican host family's home, and your new sister greets you. You are extremely tired and would like to rest before dinner. Communicate this to your sister.

Eleven**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a bullfight aficionado and ticket vendor. You believe it is a great Spanish tradition. You are hawking tickets on the street to the season opener which is today, Easter Sunday, at 5:00 p.m. You have tickets for seats in the Sol \$1000 pesetas and Sombra \$1500. Stop the next passerby, and get them to purchase a ticket to see your favorite sport in action.

ROLE B: You are a Spaniard who is a vegetarian, and who is against the cruel treatment of animals of any type. You are trying to pass by a large crowd that has formed, and feel this a good place to hand out literature, speak about your cause which is very important to you, and to get people to sign your petition, perhaps banning this torture of defenseless bovines forever.

Twelve**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are newly arrived in Morelia, and go to stay with your host family. On your enrollment form, you mentioned that you are a vegetarian, and eat NO meat of ANY kind. You sit down to dinner with your new mom. Express the fact that you are extremely hungry, and prepare to make "small talk."

ROLE B: You are a Mexican woman who is hosting an American student in your home. You are extremely anxious to please, and have prepared your prize winning mole poblano for your guest. While you serve, you like to tell the story about how you won first prize for this dish.

Thirteen**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a young woman riding the bus. As your companion you have your pet Chihuahua in the seat next to you. You think your pooch is the most intelligent and most beautiful in the world, and you like to tell people so--not to

mention the fact that you've heard that traveling with a dog is good way to meet guys (it's kind of an ice-breaker).

ROLE B: You are a young man who has just got on the bus. You plop down in the seat next to a young woman. You've been depressed because your pet Chihuahua got run over by a semi truck yesterday. You were guaranteed to win the "Million peso prize" after your dog performed in the Chicago Chihuahua Show. You want to unload your problems on somebody. How do you go about doing this?

Fourteen**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are an American student at CMI in Mexico D.F. You have just been robbed while riding the metro. All of your money, your passport, other photo I.D. have been stolen. You go to the police station to make a report. You have a pretty good memory, and so can state physical features of your assailant even though you are quite upset.

ROLE B: You work at the police station in Mexico D.F. You are fed up with those American students from CMI who keep coming in to practice filing police reports in Spanish. You understand why they are doing it, but ENOUGH IS ENOUGH ALREADY! You think to yourself that this day can't be short enough!

Fifteen**Author:** C. Erdman (Wisconsin)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are staying with a Mexican family, and are fed up with the fact that you haven't been able to take a warm or hot shower in three weeks. You know that water is a resource to be conserved, and that it may cost your family more money to turn on the hot water. Still, you don't know if you can stand shivering in the shower one more time!!!! How will you approach your host parent?

ROLE B: You are a Mexican father who works very hard. You are hosting an exchange student from the U.S. You thought you were doing a good deed by taking him in, but you cannot believe what a slob he is! He leaves his clothing, and other personal items all over his room that he shares with your son Paco. He also seems to have bad manners at the dining table. You've heard he also has been skipping salsa classes that you had offered to pay for. How will you confront your new hijo to tow the line?

Dead Dog**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are dog-sitting your neighbor's prize Afghan while he is away on vacation. As you return from your morning walk, the dog gets away and runs across the road. A speeding car runs over the dog, and come to a sudden stop. What will you say to the driver? Will he help you take care of the dog? Will you have to convince him to have the dog replaced, or to help explain the accident to your neighbor when he returns?

ROLE B: You are driving your wife to the hospital. She is in intensive labor, having contractions every five minutes. A dog runs out in front of you and gets run over by your car. The owner is watching. You stop the car. What will you say to the owner? How will you be able to deal with the dog problem and get your wife to the hospital on time?

Three's a Crowd**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're waiting on the corner in front of the local campus hangout. Your friend Sandy is meeting you and your study-buddy, David, for the usual Friday night get-together. How can you tell her that you want to meet David alone tonight because you know he's the guy for you. You don't want to hurt her feelings.

ROLE B: You see your friend Susie waiting at the corner in front of the local campus hangout. You always meet Susie, and another study-buddy, David, on Fridays to have a night out. How can you tell Susie that David just asked you to go to the U-2 concert next weekend? You don't want to hurt her feelings, because you think she has a crush on David.

The Principal**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're the male principal at a high school. You have a meeting with the business teacher whose class you observed yesterday. She is a veteran teacher, age 50, who has an excellent teaching record. You need to talk to her about her change in dress...she has been coming to school in outfits that are exceptionally short. How will you bring up the subject? How can you tell her in a polite, non-personal manner?

ROLE B: You teach business at the local high school. You've recently lost 20 lbs. and have been updating your wardrobe with new clothes. You have a meeting with the male principal who has recently evaluated your class. You are hoping to find a chance to invite him out socially.

In the Mailroom

Author: L. Martínez (Washington)

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ROLE A: You are the Department Head of Humanities at a community college. Your alarm didn't go off this morning and you had to fly out the door without breakfast. You meet an adjunct faculty member in the mailroom whose contract won't be renewed for the following quarter. You need to make an appointment with her to see you soon. You have never liked her, but don't want her to take this personally. What will you say to her?

ROLE B: You are an adjunct faculty in the English dept. at a community college. You meet your department head in the mailroom. You have never liked her, but hear that she is deciding whether or not to renew your contract. You notice that she is wearing a blue shoe and a black shoe. Will you tell her? What will you say?

Rainy Day

Author: L. Martínez (Washington)

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ROLE A: You have helped your brother's girlfriend, Jeanine, plan a going away (to the University) party for your brother. Your job is to get him out of the house long enough for Jeanine and the guests to arrive and set up the party. You've planned on taking him to play miniature golf, but it's pouring rain. How can you convince your brother to leave without being suspicious? You don't want to spill the beans about the party.

ROLE B: You're leaving tomorrow to live at the University. You're curious lately because your girlfriend Jeanine has been acting strangely around your younger brother who's in her class. You've promised to go miniature golfing with your brother, but now it's raining. How can you bring up the subject of Jeanine without sounding weird?

Missing Textbook

Author: L. Martínez (Washington)

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ROLE A: You are a Spanish teacher at a community college. There has been some concern at school about Test Security. You are worried because you've misplaced your teacher's text that has a copy of the upcoming test. You see one of your students hanging around your office door. He was in your office yesterday to talk about the chapter. Does he know anything about the text book? What can you say to him without laying blame?

ROLE B: You are a 1st year Spanish student at a community college. Yesterday you picked up the teacher's textbook by mistake and took it home in you pack. You want to give it back to her, but you are worried she might think you looked at some of the teacher stuff in the book. Will you have to talk to her? What will you say?

Jewelry Store

Author: L. Martínez (Washington)

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ROLE A: You have heard that your current boyfriend has been meeting another woman at an upscale Bistro. You had a tip from your friend's cousin who has seen them together every Saturday when you are busy teaching an aerobics class. This Saturday your friend is covering your class so that you can catch him red handed. You hurry into the jewelry store across from the Bistro. You see the clerk approaching you.. What can you say to not look suspicious? How can you keep your focus on the window and catch your dog of a boyfriend?

ROLE B: You own a small jewelry store in a high rent neighborhood. You have been worried that your store will be next in a series of armed robberies. You've already alerted the police this month with three false alarms. You see a woman enter the store an peer out the front window. You approach her. How will you handle the situation? What can you say to her to gather more information without looking suspicious.

Hair Salon

Author: L. Martínez (Washington)

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ROLE A: You are middle aged woman and want a beauty treatment with your favorite stylist Carlitos. You've brought a picture of the cut and style you want and are also considering a set of nails. Prepare to enjoy yourself with Carlitos. What will you talk about to show him that you are still hip and with it?

ROLE B: You are Carlitos, a fabulous hairdresser at a lousy salon catering to middle-aged fat cats. You have an interview this afternoon at the trendy salon

across town. You can't wait to leave! Oh, no! Her comes one of your regulars! You would like to keep her as a client when you move to the trendy salon.. How will you handle the appointment without losing it completely. What will you say to her usual dribble about how she wants to look younger?

Guest**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are an artist. A new friend of yours has dropped by your studio for an afternoon visit. You like him/her, but today you would really like to start to work on your latest project, and you can't concentrate with someone in the studio. How can you help cut the visit short without offending him/her?

ROLE B: You have recently become friends with an artist. You are in his/her studio and would really like to stay to watch him/her work. You would also like to be invited to eat dinner with the artist. What can you say to help get a dinner invite? You don't want to appear pushy.

Handy Husband**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your wife has asked you to help wallpaper the upstairs bathroom. You are working quickly to finish as you would like to play a round of golf this afternoon. How can you avoid getting bogged down in a confrontation with your wife? You really want to get this project done and be off the hook.

ROLE B: Your husband is busy hanging wallpaper in the upstairs bathroom. You enjoy doing this kind of work with your husband. How can you get him to take more time with you in this project? What will you talk about, or suggest to him?

Money, Money**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You have met a really neat friend who comes from a higher social class than you. You want to impress her that you are just as affluent as she and that you know as much about the social scene. What topics will you talk about? How can you impress her?

ROLE B: You have met an interesting person who you really like except that she always talks about money and 'who's who!' It drives you crazy as you feel it is so

crass to refer to money so much. How can you let her know that she is driving you to distraction. You don't want to hurt her feelings.

Basketball**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are a starting player on your varsity team. Your childhood buddy was cut on the first day of tryouts. You are meeting him after school. You're also hoping to get invited to his house as you have a crush on his sister. What will you say to him to lead the topic around to having dinner at his house? Will you mention his sister?

ROLE B: You tried out for the basketball team, but were cut on the first day of tryouts. Your childhood buddy is staying after school to show you some moves on the court. You could care less. What you'd really like to do is to fix up his '75 Barracuda. What a cool car! What can you say to lead the conversation around the car? Will you have to pretend to like basketball?

ESL**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You are an American woman spending three weeks in Mexico. You have met a handsome Mexican man whose company you enjoy. You want to spend more time with him and are hoping to become more intimate. How can you talk to him more and do less ESL homework? What will you say?

ROLE B: You are a Mexican male who is studying ESL at an institute in Mexico. You know an American woman who gladly helps you with your assignments. This gives you more time to go out in the evenings with your true love Carmelita. How can you get the American to focus more on the work, and not do so much small talk? You don't want to lose her as a resource?

Flat Tire**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're on your way to the airport, which is out on the edge of the city. You've still got a half-hour's drive when you suddenly get a flat tire. You have no spare, but up the road you see an auto garage that sells tires. You see the guy closing up shop, so you start to run. What will you say to convince him to do one last job? What are you willing to pay him?

ROLE B: You need to be at your daughter's piano recital at 5:30 sharp. You and your wife are separated but she's considering letting you come back home if you can get your act together. You're closing the shop door when you see a man running towards you from his car on the side of the road. How will you tell him that under no circumstances will you open the shop or help him? Will you admit that your wife is twisting your arm to go to a piano recital?

Pass/Fail**Author:** L. Martínez (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You teach Spanish at a small country high school. The coach's daughter, Pam, is a TA in your first year class. You always give a Pass/Fail to your TAs. You gave her a Pass this quarter, even though she was often late to class. You've seen her making out in secluded hallways with the town hood, Hercules Beauchamp. Her dad is the football coach. He's coming to see you after third period. What will you say to her dad? Will you tell him about the creep she's hanging around?

ROLE B: You are the football coach at a small country high school. Your daughter Pam received her fall quarter report card and had 4 Bs, a C and a Pass from Spanish. She needs a A instead of a Pass to average out to a 3.0 (a requirement to stay on the Pep Squad). You go to see the Spanish teacher to have her grade changed to an A. How will you insist that this be done without alluding to the Pep Squad deal? You don't want her to think you're asking for a favor.

At the Doctor's Office**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Your high school reunion is coming in 1 month. You'd like to lose weight, but you want to do it naturally, properly, and safely. Medications for you are out of the question, so you go to the doctor wanting to know how to approach losing weight. You have some basic knowledge about a balanced diet, but need a regime of some kind. How much weight will you tell the doctor you want to lose? What will you tell the doctor about what you already know about eating healthy? What will you tell him/her about how you want to lose weight?

ROLE B: You're a doctor. You just got back from this seminar on a new medication to help with weight loss. You're convinced that it's very safe and have seen how successful it is. You're also going to be given a substantial incentive for every 10th person you prescribe to this medication. You've already prescribed this medication to 9 other people. Your next patient is slightly overweight. How will

you encourage this person to lose weight without offending them? How will you convince them to take this new medication?

Talk Radio**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're a disc jockey for KJRK radio station. You work the night shift and you've just finished with your shift. There is a 10 minute break between your shift and the psychologist talk show host. As you're cleaning up before you go, you get a phone call. The person sounds hysterical and upset, he/she sounds stressed! You're afraid to tell them to call back because you know you'd just add more stress. You took a psychology class last semester, but still aren't confident in your abilities to help this person with their problem. What kinds of things will you say to this person to calm him/her down and help? You want to be a good representative of your radio station, so how will you convince him/her that you know what you're talking about?

ROLE B: You're stressed!!!! Your parents are driving you nuts! Your teachers are driving you nuts! Your friends are driving you nuts! So, you call a radio talk show to hopefully get help because you have no one else to talk to. Going to a psychiatrist would be too expensive, after all, you're only a student. What will you tell them about yourself? You have so much to get off your chest, how will you tell someone you've never met about everything?

Psychic**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're a psychic. You thoroughly enjoy reading into people's futures. You've usually been very accurate in your readings. A person comes to you and you see lots of great things that are going to happen to them and great things that they are going to have, but their mother is going to die very soon. Your ethics tells you that you should never tell people when negative things are going to happen, however you want to let them know somehow. What will you tell this person about his/her future? How can you let them know they should value the time left with his/her mother without revealing her death?

ROLE B: Your friend has taken you to a psychic. You're very skeptical, but you want your friend to quit bugging you about going. You pretend like you want them to tell you everything he/she sees. Your friend is sitting right outside the room and you know he/she can hear. What kinds of questions will you ask the psychic to make your friend happy?

At the Bus Station, Morelia, Mexico**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You need to purchase a bus ticket to go to Manzanillo. Your friends, that recently purchased tickets, said you'll get a discount if you buy round trip. So, you want to buy the return ticket in advance. You tend to be very suspicious of people in Morelia because you have been taken advantage of before. How will you ask for a round trip ticket? How will you be certain that you are getting the right fare?

ROLE B: You are an agent for ETN business. An American person has come to buy a ticket to Manzanillo from you. As of yesterday, ETN no longer offers discounts for buying round trip tickets. However, customers can still purchase tickets for both ways. How will you explain the change in fares?

In the Restaurant**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You're a well renowned food critic in Cuernavaca. You're in the world famous Las Mananitas restaurant. You've been instructed by your newspaper to taste and review the specials of the day in each restaurant you visit. As you were waiting to be seated, you noticed that the specials of the day are: Pabellon criollo, Camarones al ajillo, Pinchos de pollo a la toronja. What will you ask the waiter about the dishes? How will you order?

ROLE B: You're a waiter at the world famous Las Mananitas restaurant. Today has been an extremely busy day and you're exhausted. Also, you're all out of the specials of the day. On top of that, a more-than-average, well dressed client is sitting in your section that is to be waited on. You aren't sure, but you think you recognize this person as the food critic from the local newspaper. You can't remember his/her name either. The restaurant is packed and there's no one free to ask. How will you approach this client? You normally announce the specials of the day, what will you do?

Travel Agency**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: You have a free week coming up soon and you'd like to celebrate how well you've been doing in school. You and your friends have talked about going to Mexico. What will you tell the travel agent about what you hope do and

possible places you hope to go? What will you tell the travel agent you want to spend? What types of diversions and amenities do you hope this place will have?

ROLE B: You're a travel agent. A client has just walked in. You've been really busy and haven't been able to take a break. You have a salaried position, not a commissioned position. Should you tell him/her to wait for someone else who's busy because you have something else to do? Do you think your boss would be upset if he/she saw that? Should you tell him/her you'll be right back? Do you help him/her anyway and go later? What will you say to this client.

Oprah

Author: J. Williams (Washington)

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ROLE A: You're Oprah. You're interviewing Luis Miguel, and extremely famous singer from Mexico. You've heard that he is a pretty easy person to interview, but you really don't know a whole lot about him.. What kinds of questions will you ask?

ROLE B: You're Luis Miguel. You're being interviewed today on t.v. You're really tired from your world tour, but your manager thinks this would be great for your career. You've never met nor heard of this interviewer before, but your manager claims she is famous. Your manager has been wrong before. The interviews have been bad recently. You don't like to answer questions that are really personal and the past 3 interviews have tried too many personal questions. You want to come across well, buy you're really not in the mood to do this. How will you get it across that you don't like personal questions without sounding arrogant? What are some questions that you might be willing to answer?

At the Library

Author: J. Williams (Washington)

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ROLE A: You're in the library and you've just heard a rumor that your boyfriend/girlfriend has been unfaithful recently. She/he hasn't been coming to visit you as much lately because she/he says there's too much homework. As you're sitting there thinking about this, you see your boyfriend/girlfriend headed your way. What will you say to him/her? How will you find out if she/he has been unfaithful? Will you ask him/her directly? What questions will you ask?

ROLE B: You've been loaded with homework lately, therefore you haven't been spending very much time with your boyfriend/girlfriend. You've planned a romantic picnic in the park tomorrow for just the two of you to help make up for not being around much. You want the picnic to be a surprise. You see your

boyfriend/girlfriend in the library. What will you say to him/her in order to make plans for tomorrow?

At the Espresso Bar

Author: J. Williams (Washington)

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ROLE A: Your best friend set you up with someone. You've gone out on a few dates and have had a really good time. This person you're dating is wonderful. You see your best friend at the espresso stand. You haven't seen him/her in about a week or so. What will you tell him/her about the relationship? How will you describe this person to your friend?

ROLE B: You recently set your best friend up with another friend of yours for a date. You went to a party and ended up kissing the person you set your friend up with. You realize you made a big mistake. You've just made eye contact with your best friend and she/he is coming over to you. What will you say? Will you tell him/her what happened?

In the Principal's Office

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ROLE A: You think the new ASB president is doing a great job. She/he has always been extremely nice to you and treats others well, as well as gets a lot done. It's obvious to you that this person cares about the school and other people. The principal has called you in to ask for your opinion about the ASB president because you're on the student council.. What will you say about the ASB president to convince the principal that the ASB president is doing a good job?

ROLE B: You and some of the other class representatives are tired of the ASB president and want him/her removed. Every idea you've had recently has been ignored by the ASB president. You don't feel she/he is a good representative for his/her classmates and hasn't been doing a good job. You put together a petition that 100 people have signed to remove him/her from office. What will you say to the principal about the ASB president? How will you describe the ASB president? What would you do differently if you were president?

ROLE C: You're the principal. You have received a message from a student. He/she wants to talk to you about the new ASB president. The student is someone who complains a lot, so you figure it's probably something bad. You don't know a whole lot about the new ASB president, but she/he seem like a good leader. You've called in the student who left the message and one other member of the student council for input. What questions will you ask of the students to

find out whether there's something bad going on? What questions will you ask to get at the facts?

In the Lunchroom**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: As you're walking through the halls, you think you overhear a friend making fun of you. You are offended by the comments. The comments are stereotypical and hurt your feelings. You're shocked because they're supposed to be your friend. You really feel you need to say something to him/her and try to make him/her understand. You see the friend sitting alone in the lunchroom. What will you say? How will you let them know how hurt you are? Do you still want to be friends?

ROLE B: Yesterday in class, someone was making fun of one of your friends because of his/her race. You thought what he/she said was cruel and ignorant. After class, you told your locker partner about what happened. Your friend is headed towards you in the lunchroom, will you tell him/her about what happened? Will you pretend that you never heard anything? What will you say?

Before Civics Class**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: Yesterday in class, someone was making fun of one of your friends because of his/her race. You thought what he/she said was cruel and ignorant. After class, you told your locker partner about what happened. Your friend is headed towards you in the lunchroom, will you tell him/her about what happened? Will you pretend that you never heard anything? What will you say?

ROLE B: The person sitting next to you is an immigrant from Puerto Rico. You have a paper coming up on social aspects that immigrants face when coming to the United States. You're supposed to focus on the social aspects and emotions they encounter before coming and after coming. What kinds of questions will you ask this person to help make them feel comfortable talking to you? How will you find out what his/her current opinions are on their stay in the U.S.? How will you find out what his/her opinions were before coming? How will you find out what his/her goals are?

Travel**Author:** J. Williams (Washington)ROLESTOPICSNOTIONS / FUNCTIONS

ROLE A: There's a trip through school that's going to Costa Rica one year from now. You really want to go. When you get home from practice after school, you see your parents in the kitchen window. You can't wait to talk to them about it. What will you say to convince your parents to let you go?

ROLE B: You lost your job today. Your spouse's income is barely enough to pay the bills. You don't know how you're going to explain this to your son/daughter. Cutbacks in allowance is going to be a must until you find another job. What will you say to your son/daughter? How will you explain why you lost your job?

Homecoming Dance

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ROLE A: You're supposed to go to homecoming tomorrow with a friend of yours (of the opposite sex). You stayed home from school today hoping to feel better, but you don't. You've been vomiting and in bed all day with a fever. Your friend has just called you. Will you cancel your plans with your friend? If so, how will you do it without making him/her disappointed, rejected or feeling you're just making excuses?

ROLE B: You're going to homecoming tomorrow. You've never gone before and are so excited to tell your date that you've rented a tux and a limo. The limo is set from 6:30-9:30 and dinner reservations are at 7:15. What will you tell your date?

First Day

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ROLE A: There's this really cute person in your first period class. You want to talk to him/her. You hope you have more classes with this person. Maybe you could even change a class if necessary. What will you say to him/her? How will you get his/her schedule without sounding too weird or desperate?

ROLE B: You're in your first period class. You're new to the school, so you didn't get the schedule you wanted. You want to go talk to the counselor. Your teacher is busy with various students. Maybe the person next to you could forge a note for you to go to the counselor and you could sneak out without the teacher noticing. What will you say to the person next to you? How will you convince them to forge a note for you when they don't even know you?

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