

Activity 2 . . . Telephone Mime (W.O.W.)

Objective:

- To communicate through mime

Description:

Students communicate a person (occupation), place and thing (object) through mime.

Process:

Four people are selected from the audience to participate. Three of them are asked to leave the room. The remaining performer is assigned "W.O.W": Where, Occupation and What. An example would be a kitchen (where), a doctor (occupation) and a golf club (what). The W.O.W. can be randomly drawn or polled from the audience. The other three participants then re-enter the room. The goal, within a time limit of 6 minutes, is to mime communicate the W.O.W. down the line of four people. Thus, the first person would try to communicate a kitchen, then a doctor, then a golf club to the second person. The second person would then turn and mime to the third person, the third would mime to the fourth and then the fourth person would guess aloud what he thought the W.O.W. was. No one is allowed to speak before the fourth person guesses.

Let's say Bernard, Molly, Steve and Hannah are selected. All four are in a line facing to the right. Bernard knows what the W.O.W. is, a kitchen, a doctor and a golf club. Bernard taps Molly on the shoulder and she turns around, now facing Bernard. Steve and Hannah are still looking forward in the line because it is not yet their turn. Bernard puts three fingers in the shape of a "W" so Molly knows this is the first "W." He then mimes chopping and stirring and Molly chops and stirs back to Bernard. He thinks that she understand the kitchen, the "W." In a similar fashion, he mimes the "O" and the second "W." Molly then taps Steve and mimes the W.O.W. and he taps and mimes to Hannah. Since she is at the end of the line, Hannah then guesses a kitchen, a doctor and a golf club. If fewer than 6 minutes has passed, the group of four has successfully performed a telephone mime.