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**T**he following cards can be used for a role play/improvisation game in the classroom. The premise is that two siblings are having a conversation/discussion/argument. The two pupils can be sisters, brothers or a brother/sister. The rest of the class acts as the audience.

Each pair of pupils randomly selects one of the following cards for the improvisation. On each card is the opening line of the conversation between the pair. The line should suggest to the pupils what direction the conversation should take. However, the opening lines are broad enough to allow the conversation to go in many different directions.

The pupils could prepare the improvisation in advance to start, but as they become more proficient, they could then just make it up “on the spot”. It may help to set a time limit on the improvisation as some pairs will need to be curtailed while others may need to be encouraged to keep the conversation going a little longer.

The improvisations don’t really need any special equipment or props – if necessary you can “make do” with whatever is in the classroom. All that is really needed is a space to perform the improvisation.

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The aim of the improvisation should be on getting a conversation going and the ability of both pupils to “think on their feet” in reacting to what the other sibling says. The focus should also be on fluency of thought and speech and the ability of the pupils to speak confidently and in character.

Pupils need to be reminded that you want to hear them speak as they act out the scenario, so it will not work if they just laugh their way through the improvisation.

Most of all, this improvisation game should be fun!

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“Where have  
you hidden the  
remote?”

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“Why did you  
tell mum?”

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“Please don’t tell dad?”

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“You were  
supposed to be  
looking after the  
baby”.

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“Why are you so jealous?”

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“I feel sorry for you”.

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7



“I’ve lost mum’s purse”.

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“Why are you stealing money from dad’s wallet?”

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“You’re not  
sharing my  
\_\_\_\_\_ any  
more”.

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“I don’t want to  
share a bedroom  
with you any  
more”.

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“‘Sorry’ is just a word”.

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“Can you keep a secret?”

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13



“Oh, here we go again!”

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14



“You never listen to my side of the story”.

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“Don’t tell mum,  
but I’m going to  
that party  
tonight”.

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“Will you cover  
for me while I  
.....”

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“Please don’t!”



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18

“You always ruin  
everything”.



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19



“You told your friend my secret”.

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“I saw this text on mum’s phone .....”.