

TELEPHONE GAME



A fun Oral
Language /
Drama Game

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“Where
have you
been?”

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“Oh, it’s
you”

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“She’s not
here”

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“Not you
again”

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"I wish to
make a
complaint"

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"Are you
the
manager?"

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"I've lost
my mum"

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"Wait 'til
you hear
this"

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"I'm sorry
but I can't
come"

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"I'm so
jealous"

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"I won't do
it"

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"I'm
quitting
the team"

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"I wasn't
expecting
it"

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"Can you
come
straight
away?"

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"I'll sneak
out
tonight"

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"I bet you
won't do
it"

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“You
always say
No”

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“She’s done
it again?”

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“Leave my
brother
alone”

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“I can’t
afford it”

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“I didn’t
tell on you”

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“You
didn’t!”

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“I’m feeling
scared”

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“Please
don’t do
it”

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“You owe
me €20”

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“When is our
project
due?”

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“I’ve never
done it
before”

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“You can’t
miss the
match”

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“Can I ask
your
advice?”

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“She really
has it in for
you”

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“You can’t
wear that
jacket”

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“It’s not
always
about you”

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“Did you
get the
stuff?”

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“Are you
sure about
this?”

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“You have
a lot of
nerve”

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“I can
explain
everything”

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"I'd like to
report a
break-in"

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"I'm so, so
excited"

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"Please tell
me you have
good news"

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"Can you
do me a
favour?"

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“It’s just a
small lie”

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“She’ll never
find out”

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“Where
were you
last night?”

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“I thought
you were
my friend”

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"You really
thought you
got away
with it"

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"How much is
this going to
cost me?"

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"I Know
who did it"

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"I Knew
you'd call
me"

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“Don’t blame
me for your
mistake”

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“I’ve got a
confession to
make”

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The following cards can be used for developing a telephone improvisation in the classroom. The line given on the card should be the opening line or one of the early lines in a telephone conversation. The line should suggest to the pupils the scenario for the improvisation and who is on the other end of the line. The pupil has to imagine what the person on the other end of the line is saying, leave a gap for them to speak and react to what they are saying.

The pupil randomly selects one of the cards for the telephone improvisation. I had a rule that you could put a card back if you didn't like it and choose another, but you then had to stick with the second choice – this made pupils really think about putting back a card. The pupils could prepare the conversation 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 pupils will need to be curtailed while others may need to be encouraged to keep the conversation going a little longer.

The improvisations just need a mobile phone or an old-style telephone and a small space at the top of the classroom.

The aim of the improvisation should be on getting a conversation going and the ability of the pupil to "think on their feet" in reacting to what the other person is saying. The aim should be the development of fluency of thought and speech and the ability of the pupil to speak confidently and in character. The focus should also be on the elements of drama – setting, characters, use of voice, facial expression, gesture, body posture, tension/conflict etc.

Pupils may 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 telephone improvisation.

Most of all, this improvisation game should be fun!

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