**Online Resources *100 Ideas for Secondary Teachers: Teaching Drama***

**Idea 13 Mix and Match**

**CHARACTER CARDS**

**A.**

Name: Chloe

Age: 18

Background: Fashion Model

Current mood: Joyful (she’s had secret good news)

Voice: High pitched

Habits: Laughs for no reason

**C.**

Name: Alex

Age: 35

Background: Works in a circus as a Strongman

Current mood: Very depressed

Voice: Low and deep

Habits: Stops speaking halfway through a sentence

**B.**

Name: Gertrude

Age: 60

Background: Spent her life as a cleaner

Current mood: Quiet, peaceful

Voice: Low; rasping

Habits: Tries to brush the dust of people’s clothes; runs her finger along surfaces looking for dirt

**D.**

Name: Loretta

Age: 25

Background: Works as a holiday tour guide

Current mood: Extremely upbeat

Voice: Very fast, and full of enthusiasm

Habits: Moves around a lot and gesticulates

**E.**

Name: Simon/Simone

Age: 30

Background: Never held a job down for more than two weeks

Current mood: Moany

Voice: Moany

Habits: Finds fault with everything

**F.**

Name: Francine

Age: 40ish

Background: Historian

Current mood: Thoughtful

Voice: Calm, quiet, tranquil

Habits: Smiles and talks about the past a lot

**G.**

Name: Danny/Danni

Age: 15

Background: Suspended from school for disruptive behaviour

Current mood: Moody then suddenly happy, then moody again

Voice: Sarcastic, and tends to go up at the end of a sentence like they’re asking a question.

Habits: Looks at phone and texts the whole time, even when speaking to someone else

**H.**

Name: Ethan

Age: 42

Background: Ex-policeman (retired early after being attacked)

Current mood: Edgy – looks round all the time; frightened, anxious

Voice: Shaky, nervous

Habits: Keeps swingy round and putting his hands up in defence

**I.**

Name: Bruce

Age: 79

Background: Worked as a porter in a top London hotel

Current mood: Polite and happy

Voice: Polite, timid

Habits: First class manners; bows his head a lot; good listener; always asking if he can help in any way

**J.**

Name: Molly

Age: 17

Background: Only child of rich parents, very spoilt

Current mood: Fed up

Voice: High pitched and excitable

Habits: Shows off, selfish with extrovert ‘look at me’ attitude

**K.**

Name: Kareem

Age: 20

Background: At university, very clever

Current mood: Positive, friendly

Voice: Smooth, nice to listen to

Habits: Shows great interest in others

**L.**

Name: Jack

Age: 25

Background: Was a professional footballer; injured and now runs a sports shop

Current mood: A little down-trodden

Voice: Falls flat and downbeat towards the end of each line

Habits: Asks the price of everything

**M.**

Name: Sam

Age: 45

Background: 5 children; single parent; has fought for everything in their challenging life so far

Current mood: Resolved to more bad luck

Voice: Low but strong and determined

Habits: Gives advice to everyone

**N.**

Name: Nancy / Nathan

Age: 37

Background: Magician

Current mood: Detached from their surroundings

Voice: Mysterious

Habits: Shows tricks and gives philosophical advice in riddles

**SCENE CARDS**

1. Summer funfair set in the evening in a countryside location
2. Building site in heavy rain
3. Lost in a maze at a country house
4. Behinds the scenes at a circus
5. A convention of firefighters on a training course
6. Department store café
7. Factory that makes teacups
8. Waste disposal area
9. Motorcycle rally
10. Zoo during a thunderstorm
11. Race meeting on a very windy day
12. Busy railway lost property department
13. Desert island in heavy snowstorm
14. An isolated bird-watching hut set in the middle of wild marshes
15. In a massive tree house

**SCENARIO CARDS**

1. Something that took a long time to build has been accidentally broken.
2. All surfaces have been newly painted so you can’t touch anything.
3. The police have arrived and made arrests because of the excess noise.
4. There is a shortage of water.
5. An important person was going to make a visit but it had to be called off.
6. There is an infestation of insects so that everywhere you tread you hear a crunch.
7. A smell seeps in which gets so bad that people have to hold their noses.
8. A noise, of a mysterious nature, keeps making you stop what you’re doing.
9. It is raining leaflets.
10. A strange package sits in the centre of the space. What’s in it?

**LINES TO BE INCORPORATED**

1. “If any more flies show up we’ll be in real trouble.”
2. “Did you hear that? What on earth was it?”
3. “Ok, ok let’s all stay calm. There must be a way out of this. Let’s think hard!”
4. “Look! Have you ever seen so much gold in your life!”
5. “I knew that this would happen, why did you lose the only map we had?”
6. “This is very mysterious. Why are there 7 taxis waiting outside?”
7. “Look at this note I found screwed up in the corner.”
8. “Don’t you see, we can’t carry on as we were. Everything is different now.”
9. “Green, green, green. This is crazy. Everything is green!”
10. “I must admit that I am bemused by your wealth, but what about the envelope?”
11. “What do you mean there’s a wanted poster with my face on it?”
12. “You can get out your sketchbook and start drawing if you want to but I don’t see how that will help our situation.”
13. “Mathematics! Why can’t we talk about something else?”
14. “There is a list on the wall. You’ll never guess what’s on it.”
15. “Why did he get so upset when I said the word ‘Peru’?”

*Worked example mini script based on randomly chosen cards from above:*

**SCENE: BEHIND THE SCENES AT A CIRCUS**

**SCENARIO**: There is an infestation of insects so that everywhere you tread you hear a crunch

**LINE CARD;** “Don’t you see, we can’t carry on as we were. Everything is different now.”

**CHARACTERS:** C, N, B,

C I thought they would let me perform tonight in this circus but now I’m worried.

L Don’t you see, we can’t carry on as we were. Everything is different now.

B Why? Don’t worry about all these insects. The circus people will have sprays or something.