

A COMMUNICATION WARMUP

Here is another idea to help your members practise their public speaking skills.

Alphabet Drama

This can be played seated in a circle or just use the seating arrangement that is used for your club meetings. Members can be divided into smaller groups if you wish.

You will need a supply of topics to be drawn out of a hat - use the ones from *Gesture Guess* earlier in this section of the Discovery Zone, try some of the one's on the reverse or make up your own. You will also require a second bag with all the letters of the alphabet on slips of paper.

Draw a situation from the box/bag, and then a letter. The first participant must give a line of dialogue about the situation, beginning with the letter selected. The second player must continue with a line that begins with the next letter of the alphabet and so on in rotation trying to get as far down the alphabet as they can. Stop the group, if they pause for more than 30 seconds, trying to think up the next line. Start the next person with a different situation and different letter.

The dialogue should relate loosely to the situation, but don't be too strict!

Here's an example - situation - Mountain Climbing, letter "C":

Can you see the top yet?

Don't think so!

Easy does it, loose rock here.

Fred, watch out.

Good grief.

Help.

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Alphabetic Drama Situations:

Mountain Climbing

Downhill Skiing

Training a calf to lead for a show

Changing a flat tire in a snow or rain storm

Getting ready for achievement day

Fishing

Making Christmas cookies

Going to a hockey game

Eating spaghetti at a restaurant

Grooming a horse

Pinning and cutting out a sewing project

Putting up a fence

Washing a vehicle

Sorting laundry

Building a campfire

Putting up a tent

Searching for information on the internet

Holding a 4-H meeting