

Improvisation Starters

Object Transformation



What Is Object Transformation?

Use your imagination to transform everyday objects into something extraordinary, and consider how these ideas can be extended into building a play. You will also be introduced to mime – an important skill in drama and one that you will encounter in some of the following activities.

What do you need?

- A group of 2 or students
- A space to perform your improvisation
- Drama Journal Template

Let's start

1. Get into groups of 2 – 3 students. Amongst your group, select a prop which you will work with. This can be something from the classroom, such as a pencil case, chair or piece of paper.
2. In your groups, spend 2-3 minutes playing the game Object Transformation with your object. Be sure to come up with a number of objects and ideas.
3. Now, spend another 5-10 minutes rehearsing a short improvisation to perform in front of the class. Be sure to set the fictional space of the scene, and limit your improvisation to one place. For example:

- at a wedding
- within a hospital
- on school camp
- at the beach

4. Make sure you use your object in at least 4 different ways within your improvisation. For example, if your improvisation is set in a wedding and you are using a pencil case, the object might become the following:

- a bunch of flowers
- a microphone
- a glass of soda water

5. Once you've finished, it's time to perform your improvisation in front of the class.

Don't forget

Complete the Drama Journal Template, with your favourite idea, what you have learned, or could work on.

What have you learned?

- Discuss the performances. What did you like? What would you have liked to see?
- Discuss what you have discovered from working in your group. In which ways did your group work effectively together? How did everyone in the group contribute to the planning, development and performance of the improvisation?