**Audience and Voice Exercise**

A group of students or one individual gets assigned a random letter from “Situation” and “Voice,” and a random number from “Audience.”

Situation

A. need money

B. won the lottery

C. engaged

D. got a ticket

E. failed a test

F. got into a good college

G. got a promotion

H. got fired

Voice

J. someone very positive

K. someone very negative

L. a serious person

M. someone bossy

N. someone who wants to sound smart

O. someone who is all about politics

P. someone self-centered

Q. someone who makes lame jokes

Audience

1. parent

2. spouse

3. ex-spouse

4. best friend

5. teacher

6. boss

7. preacher

8. cheerleaders

So if they get C, L, and 8, for example, they have to speak in the voice of a serious person, telling a group of cheerleaders about their engagement.

Groups or individuals can write dialogue, or improvise on the spot orally (in my experience it takes a pretty skilled and confident student to do improv on the spot). Often, the activity is made more fun if you the teacher are the “audience,” speaking back to them.