

Yes, And

In this activity, students learn the golden improv rule of “Yes, and” where they must accept the choices that other students make in order to drive the story forward.

- In this exercise, students are in pairs and tell a story together one line at a time.
- Student 1 says the first line of a random scene (e.g., “I cooked you dinner.”)
- Student 2 rephrases the last line and adds to it. (“You cooked me dinner, and you ate too much pizza.”)
- Student 1 rephrases and adds (“I ate too much pizza, and you called the hospital.”)
- Student 2 rephrases and adds (“I called the hospital, and they sent a helicopter”)
- Continue the activity for about 5 minutes and ask students to summarize it for you at the end.
- Remind students not to use questions or commands.
- Variations
 - Tell a story using the past tense
 - Focus on using more dialogue “he said/she said”
 - Write down the lines, edit them, and read aloud.
- Hint: Never be on the outside looking in on a scene but be in the scene.