

Time Out!

Aim: Help students develop fluency and confidence.

Levels: 1, 2, and 3

Preparation: None

Comment: Use with Role Plays.

- Divide Ss into groups of six. Two Ss (S1 and S2) are the actors. The other four Ss help the actors.
- Explain the task. S1 and S2 perform the role play using the instructions in their Student's Books. If they don't know what to say or can't remember a word, they call "Time Out!" The role play stops and they ask the Ss in their group for help. They can also ask the other Ss in the group to replace them.
- Ss continue the role play until all Ss are actors.

Variation 1: S1 and S2 can bring in other Ss as new characters.

Variation 2: Ss can create new situations based on the role play.

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