



Open-Sky
School

Category
ENGLISH



Activity

3...2...1... Action!

MATERIALS

- Paper and pencils
- Container

DURATION

60 MINUTES

Activity Summary

This activity aims to develop students' creativity, using theatrical improvisation in nature. The objectives are to develop students' ability to communicate and to bring creative ideas inspired by nature to life.

Preparation

- Write improvisation themes inspired by nature on small pieces of paper, for example nocturnal animals, the tree of wisdom, insects, the seaside, gardening, etc.
- Add conditions to the improvisations for each theme you write down. For example, use a natural element at the beginning of the improvisation (e.g., a branch) and another element (e.g., a blade of grass) at the end.
- Place the small papers in a container.
- For reference, you can consult practice improvisational games and rules here: <https://improv.ca/practice-games/>



Steps

A. What is theatrical improvisation?

Tell students:

- This is a theatrical improvisation activity. Have you ever seen improvisational shows?
- This kind of theatre involves a creative process that is not scripted. The show is played without staging or preparation. You will use your creativity and imagination to set the scene spontaneously.

You can show your students an example video of improvisation, or engage in a practice game from <https://improv.ca/practice-games/>

B. 3.. 2 ... 1... Action!

- Form small teams of 4 to 7 students.
- Draw a paper from the container and give it to a team.
- Allow students a few moments to soak up the scene. Have students observe their surroundings, and gather materials around them.
- Give each team 2-5 minutes to present their improvisational scene.
- Teams take turns presenting.
- If you would like, you can assign points to teams based on certain predefined criteria.



RETURN
TO GROUP

Ask students:

- What did you like about the improvisation activity?
- What were your thoughts and feelings throughout the activity?
- What were your favorite improvisational scenes?

REINVESTMENT:

Suggest that students present an improvisational scene to other classes in school.