LESSON PLAN: 3 Words

**Step one:** Preplanning, selection of topic, etc.
- **Activity:** “3 Words”
- **Theme:** Pantomime activity
- **Source:** [http://www.childdrama.com/lessons.html#typetop](http://www.childdrama.com/lessons.html#typetop)
- **Drama/learning goals:**
  - To communicate without the use of only 3 words.
  - To work cooperatively in a group.
  - To observe and understand different forms of communication.
- **Skill levels:**
  - Skill 1 *Cooperation:* Members of the group will need to work together for this activity to be successful.
  - Skill 2 *Concentration:* Members of the group will need to be able to focus on themselves as well as the group.
  - Skill 3 *Nonverbal Communication:* Members of the group will need to communicate the message with the use of only 3 words.

**Step two:** Presentation of the materials
- **Strategies for introducing the activity and establishing the mood:**
  - Today we are going to do an activity called “3 Words”. This will require good cooperation within the groups you will be put into.
- **Preparation and set-up of materials:** No materials are needed. We will be using the stage as an acting arena, and the audience will sit in the chairs.

**Step three:** Discussion
- **Instructions for preparation:**
  - Group who is acting present on stage and the rest act as audience.
  - I will give each group 3 words and they are to come up with a short skit in which they use only those 3 words to relay what the activity in their skit involves
- **Instructions for playing:**
  - Get a partner.
  - Each group performs one at a time
  - I will give the same 3 words to each group. Each group is to think up a skit to perform using only those 3 words and pantomiming to relay what kind of activity is going on in the skit.
  - After that each group will pick a skit from one of the other groups to reenact to show how well they expressed their skit through nonverbal communication.
  - The groups must act these other skits out using as many words as necessary to show what they thought the other groups skit was about.
• **Casting, volunteers, etc.:**
  - **Groups:** partners join before activity

• **Strategies for involvement:**
  - The partners will have to think of a brief skit using only 3 words and pantomiming to express their skit
  - The audience will be an active participator in the activity since they will be replaying another group’s skit to show to what extent their communication was successful.

• **Check for understanding and clarity:**
  - Make sure everyone understands the directions fully before starting the activity.

**Step four:** Playing the material

- **Instructions:** State clearly what is expected so that everyone understands, and ask if there are any questions.
- **Sidecoaching ideas:** Give ideas if needed. Make sure they are using only the 3 words given and that the rest is nonverbal.
- **Your participation:** The instructor will be there for hints and guidance during the activity.

**Step five:** Evaluation and reflection

- **Questions to generate discussion and reflection:**
  - What made this activity difficult?
  - Was it difficult expressing yourself with only 3 words or was it harder since you had to use the 3 words?
  - Was it difficult replaying each others skits?

**Step six:** Replaying

- **Strategies to encourage replaying:**
  - Change up the groups and create new scenes.
  - Think of new strategies for acting out scenes.