

Opposites Roleplays

One of you tells the other person off (= criticises the other person) for doing the exact opposite of what you asked them to do. Possible situations:

- Making a prototype of a product
- Rearranging, designing or decorating a room or house
- Organising a conference or trade show
- Organising the schedule of a visitor from abroad
- Organising your time/ Trying to be efficient

You remember an experience or conversation that you both took part in in opposite ways, e.g. one of you remembers you both deciding to eat something light but the other remembers you both wanting something filling. Possible topics:

- A holiday (= a vacation)
- A festival or celebration
- An evening
- When you first met
- Your last lesson
- A meal/ A restaurant

Take turns saying one thing about a disappointing experience you had where everything was the opposite of what you expected, trying to outdo your partner in how bad the experience sounds. You must both talk about the same kind of experience. Possible situations to talk about:

- Vacations
- Dates
- Relationships/ people (family members, bosses, romantic partners, etc)
- Jobs (including workmates, workplace, etc)

You want to book or buy something together but have completely opposite ideas on what kind of thing is most suitable. Disagree completely with everything your partner says, then try to negotiate a compromise if you can. Possible topics:

- A holiday/ A hotel
- A car
- A house, or furniture for it

One of you is a customer/ guest/ passenger/ student complaining about something not being what was promised and/ or what was suitable. The person receiving the complaint politely rejects all the claims, saying that it isn't that way, that no one said it would be that way, or it doesn't need to be or shouldn't be that way. You can roleplay the exchange face to face, on the phone or by email (not writing, just saying what you would write).

Take turns boasting about your own possessions, romantic partner, children, job, skills, etc and saying bad things about your partner's.

Talk about romantic matches for someone (imaginary), talking about things like compatibility ("opposites attract" or not, etc) and previous failed relationships.

As a class, choose one of the situations/ topics above and brainstorm possible opposites.