

Do-It-Yourself Theatre 1

Follow-up Teaching Materials (for after the performance)

EXERCISE 1

Find the past tense of these verbs. (Warning – one of these is in fact not a verb and doesn't normally have a past tense.)

Example: be – was/were

look	open	wait
sigh	miss	give
put	take	throw
drink	tell	kiss
say	come	stand
can	must	will

A story: "Too Much Love"

EXERCISE 2

Fill in the right past tenses of the verbs in brackets.

Part 1 – Angela and Chris

It was ten past seven. It(rain). Angela	(wait) outside the cinema. S	She
(read) a cinema program. She	(wear) a red hat. She	
(look forward) to seeing a film with Chri	is. She(look) at	t her watch.
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She
Chris Angela, please give this to Barbara tomorrow. It's very important. Thanks.
Chris(kiss) Angela on the cheek. He(go) away. Angela(put) the letter into her handbag. She(throw) away the cinema program. She went home.
Exercise 3
Fill in the right past tenses of the verbs in brackets.
Part 2 – Angela and Barbara
It(be) lunch time. Barbara(sit) in a café. She(drink) tea. She(wait) for Angela. Suddenly Angela(arrive). Barbara stood up. She(kiss) Angela and said hello. While they(stand), the waiter(come). Angela ordered coffee with milk. Then they both(sit down) and Angela (give) Barbara the letter.
Exercise 4
Make reported speech of what Angela and Barbara said.
Angela It's from Chris
Angela said that itfrom Chris.
Barbara I don't want to read it.
Barbara said that sheto read it.
Angela You must read it.
Angela told Barbara that sheread it.
(Barbara reads the letter aloud)

Dear Barbara,

Two weeks ago I did a terrible thing, I know. I was drunk and I kissed another girl.

Barbara, I'm sorry. Sorry sorry sorry sorry sorry sorry. I will never do it again. I miss you, I really love you.

Please meet me tomorrow.

Love, Chris.

Barbara I don't want to talk to Chris.
Barbara told Angela that sheto talk to Chris.
Angela But he loves you. One little kiss isn't a problem.
Angela told Barbara that Chrisher and that one little kissa problem.
Barbara When he kisses a girl for 2 hours it is a big problem. He can't love me.
Barbara said to Angela that when Chris

EXERCISE 5

Read part 3 and write down what Chris told Barbara.

Part 3 – Angela and Barbara

It was eight o'clock. Chris was waiting for Barbara in a bar. He was drinking a beer. He finished the beer. The waitress came, he ordered another beer.

Chris Another beer please.

While he was drinking this beer Barbara came in. They both said Hi.

Chris Hi. (He goes to kiss her. She turns away- can smell the beer on his breath.)

Barbara Hi.

Barbara (to the waitress) I'll have tea please.

Chris It's good to see you. (Pause) I miss you Barbara. I'm really sorry
Barbara I don't want to talk about it.
Chris We must talk about it.
Barbara No. (To the waitress who comes back with the coffee) Thank you. (Waitress leaves). I don't want to see you again.
Chris I love you. I promise, I will never kiss another girl.
Barbara It's too late Chris. I have a new boyfriend.
Chris Who?
Barbara Richard.
Chris You can't love Richard. He's stupid.
Barbara He isn't stupid. He loves me. And I love him. Goodbye Chris. (She leaves).
Chris You won't stay with Richard
Chris told Barbara that itgood to see her, that heher, that heher, that hetalk about it and that hehe promised that henever kiss another girl.
Exercise 6
Fill in the right past tenses of the verbs in brackets.
Part 4 – At Barbara's house
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He(close) the door carefully. He(see) some flowers and a card on the table. He(go) to the table. He(read) the card. He said:
Chris Beautiful flowers for a beautiful girl, love Richard.
While he(read) the card, the phone(put) the card on the table. He picked the phone up. Then he(put) the phone down. He(go) to the cupboard. He(hide) in the cupboard.
Barbara
She stood still, she(listen), then she(shrug) her shoulders. She kept walking.
Chris Barbara.
Barbara stood still. Chris(come) out of the cupboard. Barbara turned(turn) around. They looked at each other for six seconds. Chris(tell) Barbara that he(love) her.
Chris I love you.
Barbara(tell) Chris that she(love) Richard.
Barbara - Go away. I love Richard now. He is my boyfriend.
Chris No.
Barbara(go) to the table. She(pick up) the telephone. Chris(take) a gun out of his pocket. He said:
Chris "Put the phone down or I'll shoot you."
Barbara started to dial a number. Chris(shoot) her. Barbara died. Chris looked at Barbara on the floor. While he(look) at Barbara the door(open) Richard(come) in.
Richard looked at Barbara. Then he(look) at Chris. He said:
Richard You've killed her.
Richard(put) his hand in his pocket. He(take out) a gun. He(point) his gun at Chris. Chris pointed his gun at Richard. They(look) at each other angrily for three seconds. Suddenly there was a shot. Richard(fall down) dead.

EXERCISE 7

This version of Part 4 – At Barbara's House is different to the version that you saw. What are the differences?

EXERCISE 8

Work in small groups, think up another short story with a surprising ending (like stories "Too Much Love" or "A Bank Robbery"). Write the story in short and easy sentences, then read it to another group who can play it out while you are reading it.

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