

AndiKate Reader's Theater: Vacation!

How This Thing Works:

We developed these scripts for people of all ages who want to have some silly fun with family and friends via video chat (i.e., Zoom, Google Hangouts, etc.) To get started, simply follow these easy steps:

1. **DO NOT READ THE SCRIPT YET!** This activity is 100% more fun (that's a high percent!) if you don't read the script until you actually perform it together.
2. Invite whoever you want to hang with and have everyone print the entire document.
 - a. The readings are made for two to four people (if you have less than four, some participants get to read more than one part.)
3. Assign parts
 - a. If you have more than one person in the same house who will be reading the same part (i.e., you have more than four total who want to play,) have them step out of the room while the others perform it, so their turn is fresh.
4. Brainstorm and write down the words listed under your part on the Assignments page--the more random, the better. (Don't add them to the script yet!)
5. Decide on your Prop(s.)
6. Set up your chat time.
7. Have everyone send their words to the other groups----ideally to someone who is NOT part of the reading, to keep the script a surprise. If you don't have someone who can do that, have the participants fill in their own scripts--but try not to read it, just fill in the words by number. (Remember the percent listed in Point 1!)
8. Have your script and prop(s) ready.
9. Commence video chat.
10. Have fun! Be goofy! Use voices! Dress up! Keep wearing your pjs--no judgements here!
11. Repeat

These readings are very versatile--you can do them over and over again! My kids have done them multiple times, either changing up the words, props, characters or the people they performed them with. So enjoy!

Please let me know if you have any questions and tag me (@andikatewrites) in your readings--I want to see them!

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ASSIGNMENTS

Participant 1: "Child"

Supply Prop 1	(i.e., spaghetti noodle)	(Hide it til you need it!)
1 Location	(i.e., Candyland)	(1) _____
3 Adjectives	(i.e., gnarly)	(5) _____ (21) _____ (29) _____
2 Plural Nouns	(i.e., sandwiches)	(8) _____ (17) _____
1 Body Part	(i.e., invisible second head)	(13) _____
1 Exclamation	(i.e., Oh, Crackers!)	(25) _____

Participant 2: "Clueless Local"

Supply Prop 4		(Hide it til you need it!)
2 Adjectives:		(2) _____ (18) _____
1 Negative adjective	(i.e., disgusting)	(22) _____
1 Plural Noun:		(6) _____
1 Salutation:	(i.e., Howdy!)	(10) _____
1 Body Part		(14) _____
2 Nouns	(i.e., Gollum)	(26) _____ (30) _____

Participant 3: "Shopkeeper"

Supply Prop 2		(Hide it til you need it!)
1 Term of Endearment	(i.e., Goober Noodle)	(3) _____
2 Plural Nouns		(7) _____ (15) _____
1 Location		(11) _____
1 Noun		(19) _____
1 Negative Adjective		(23) _____
1 Verb	(i.e., Burp)	(31) _____
1 Number	(i.e., 0.00001)	(9) _____

Participant 4: "Tourist"

Supply Prop 3		(Hide it til you need it!)
2 Adjectives		(4) _____
2 Plural Nouns		(16) _____ (20) _____
2 Negative Adjectives		(24) _____ (12) _____
1 Exclamation		(28) _____
1 Number		(27) _____
1 Noun		(32) _____

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SCRIPT

Child: Yahoo! I'm so excited we got to come to (1)_____ with our whole (2)_____ family!

Tourist: Yes, (3)_____, now that the (4)_____, (5)_____ virus is over, we finally have the chance to get out to the (6)_____ and ride the (7)_____ again!

Child: Well, you know I'm just happy you brought me to the **(REVEAL PROP 1)** Shop while the others are out climbing the (8)_____--I love this place!

Tourist: You're welcome. Just remember: you can't spend more than (9)_____ dollars. But who knows? Maybe we'll be able to get more than we think?

[Tourist and Child enter shop]

Shopkeeper: (10)_____! Can I help you find anything?

Child: Not yet...

Shopkeeper: *[Makes gagging sound.]*

I hope you don't mind me asking, but...you're not from around here, are you? Visiting from (11)_____ by chance?

Child: Yes! How did you know?

Shopkeeper: I could tell by your...(12)_____ smell and the way you wear your **(REVEAL PROP 2.)**

Tourist: Oh! We do smell (12)_____, naturally--but doesn't everyone wear their **(PROP 2)** this way?

Clueless Local: *[Chuckling]*

Pardon the intrusion, but no, no, no--we wear our **(PROP 2)** under our (13)_____, not on top of our (14)_____.

Child: Oh, hi! I didn't see you there. You must be from (1)_____, too, then?

Clueless Local: Of course! See how my **(PROP 2)** is/are under my (13)_____.

Child: That doesn't look very comfortable.

Tourist: Or sanitary.

Shopkeeper: Well, no matter about the (**PROP 2**)! What have you come in search of today? Can I interest you in any of our (15)_____, (16)_____, or (17)_____?

Clueless Local: WOW. Or deodorant? They also sell some wonderfully (18)_____ perfume here!

Shopkeeper:*[Nervous]*

Oh, I'm sure they don't need that! They are probably much more interested in a (19)_____ or some (20)_____, perhaps?

Clueless Local: Oh, those are quality items, but I meant to help hide their offensive and (21)_____ stench. It's quite (22)_____, isn't it? I mean, they're used to it, of course, but save us locals, puh-lease!

Tourist: *[Stiffening]*

My child is the one who is interested in purchasing something. Do you have any more (**REVEAL PROP 3**) by chance? We lost one on the way here.

Shopkeeper: Oh, yes, yes. I'm sure we have some (**Prop 3**). Let me just see...

Clueless Local: You do, you do! They're right over there by the air fresheners! I saw those when I came in. Actually, air fresheners may be just the thing to help with your (23)_____ odor! More powerful, ya know?

Child: *[Loud whispering to Tourist]*

What "odor?" What's he talking about?

Tourist: *[Quickly]*

Nothing. Don't worry about it. Let's just get what we came for and get out of here.

Clueless Local: *[LOUD]*

Do you know what? My sister has lived in (11)_____ for years. She always uses (**REVEAL PROP 4**) to keep the (24)_____ smell down. Of course, we don't let her in our house anymore, but that's ok, we don't really get along anyway...

Tourist: *[Muttering]*

(25)_____! I'm not surprised! Come on--I don't know if we should bother shopping anymore!

Child: Wait! I have what I want right here, ok?

Tourist: *[Angry]*

FINE.

Shopkeeper: I'll ring you right up!

[Whispering] I'm so sorry. Here. Have a (26) _____, on the house. Have (27) _____!

Child: (28) _____! Gee, thanks!

Tourist: *[Curt]*

Thank you.

Shopkeeper: It's the least I could do. Really. Please come back. Most of the people here are quite (29) _____!

[Tourist and Child leave.]

Clueless Local: Well, I guess I don't see what I was looking for. Goodbye, fellow (1) _____-ite!

Shopkeeper: GoodBYE! And good riddance!

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[OUTSIDE]

"Clueless" Local: Well, that worked like a charm.

Tourist: Yup. Got free (26) _____ again!

Child: *[In awe]*

I don't know how you do it, Cousin (30) _____!

"Clueless" Local: Anytime, little buddy. Now let's go find everyone else and see if we can't (31) _____ a (32) _____ before the sun goes down!

The End

(And the applause rains down! Cheer for each other for a job well done!)