

DIALOGUE RELAY

TEACHERS' NOTES

Choose any dialogue which may be relevant to your clients. I usually create conversations or use existing ones from student texts, primarily for review purposes. The example in this handout deals with the telephone.

Purpose: Engage clients in a team effort to build awareness of spoken texts and increase listening, speaking (reporting information), pronunciation, and dictation skills.

Time: 20 minutes

1. Enlarge script and tape behind blackboard, flip chart, or blocked away in some way that only a few student can observe.
2. Explain the idea of *relay race* to the group. Divide them into teams of 4, choosing team names (This can often be quite hilarious, helping to lighten up the group) One person in the group must be named administrative assistant (secretary).
3. Each team may have one member and one member only come up to the board (dialogue) one at a time to gather pieces of the conversation. Once a team member returns to the group, another member of the team is allowed to approach the board. Each reports the line they have read to the assistant.
4. Announce on your marks, get set, go! And let the game begin. Don't forget your stopwatch or timer for the full effect.
5. The first team to finish the dialogue wins! (unless they have made too many errors)

Note: I usually have prizes for the winners (treats or office supplies).

Additional Idea: Create a puzzle game. You may also wish to photocopy & cut up a dialogue such as this for each team and have them put it in order. The first team to find a logical order, wins! This activity takes less time, but can be equally motivating.

Dialogue relay

Techouse, how can I direct your call?

Um...Yes... I'd like to speak to Ms. Judith Prince,
Production manager.

Right...Yes, I'll see if she's in. Can I let her know
who's calling?

It's Joe Nathan from Lumiteur Productions.

OK Joe, Hold on a moment. I'll put you through.

Judith Prince, can I help you?

Hi Judith, this is Joe Nathan from Lumiteur
Productions. Listen, I've been trying to reach you
for several days...um...I was wondering if we could
set up an appointment to discuss our new services.

(ring...ring...)

Just a second, Joe I'm going to have to put you on hold. I'll be right with you.

Sorry to have kept you waiting. I had a rather urgent call. Now, where were we?

Well, yes, as I was saying, I would like to come by talk over our new services that you mentioned might suit your needs.

Oh, yes... It would be my pleasure to see you. When might we say?

Um, How about Tuesday? I'm free most of the afternoon.

OK. Could we say Tuesday at four?

Alright. That fits perfectly into my schedule.

Great. I'll see you then.

Right. Until Tuesday. Oh by the way, have a nice day.

You, too! bye, bye.

Bye
