

TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS VOICE PROJECT

VOICE = projection, pace, pitch, articulation, expressing character's emotions through the use of these vocal elements

For this VOICE project, you're going to be picking from a bunch of random telephone conversation scenarios. This situation will be the basis for your SCRIPT, which will be creating yourself.

Day 1 = **Script Writing**

- Create a **short script** that starts with *picking up* the phone and ends with *hanging up* the phone.
- Consider how the conversation will END
 - Will your character slam the phone down? Hang up by accident? Be polite?
 - Know your character's **MOTIVATIONS** – the reason for why they're interacting in this particular manner
- Understand the **emotions** the characters are feeling
 - use your voice to show this **“SHOW, DON'T TELL”**

(Reminder – if you're doing this project with a partner, you will need to create two copies of the script for the presentation date)

Day 2 = **Presentations...**

- Either by **yourself OR with a partner**
 - Partner = two people talking on the phone
 - Individual = you talking with an imaginary person -we only hear *your* side of the convo (you'll have to use many pauses, for the other person on the phone to have time to “reply”)
- Either in **front of OR behind the curtain** (seen or hidden...you decide!)

Look for's

- Using rehearsal time wisely to write script
- Voice is projected (loud), audible (understandable) and conveys emotions (expression)

RING! RING!



TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

You're talking to the police, trying to convince them of your innocence with that incident

You're talking to your new neighbour who is annoying, and you're trying to hang up

You're a school secretary and a parent is calling you about her child being sick

You're a doctor's office calling to update a patient on his/her negative or positive results

You're calling your boss to tell him/her that you'll be late for work today

You're calling your boss and pretending to be too sick to come into work

You're a concerned parent calling your child's doctor about a medicine he told you to give to your child

You're calling your telephone company about your ridiculously huge phone bill for this month

You're calling the police because the alarm in your house has gone off

You're an army sergeant calling a cadet to fire him from your team

You're a parent calling another parent about their child bullying your child

You're calling your brother who is away from home for a year, to let him know you miss him

You're calling your spouse to let him/her know that you're pregnant

You're calling your crush to ask him/her to prom

You're in jail and calling the only person you trust

You're calling your partner-in-crime, knowing your phone may be bugged by the police

TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

Your boyfriend/girlfriend is breaking up with you, and saying it's your fault

You are breaking up with your boyfriend/girlfriend, who you no longer care about

Your best friend has just spread a mean rumour about you & you're confronting them for the first time

Your mom or dad is telling you to come home from a party...and you're drunk

Your mom or dad is telling you that they're not happy with your marks in school

You're lying to both your parents about being at a friend's house (1st mom, then dad)

You're talking to your sweet grandma who just won't be quiet & let you get off the phone

You're talking to your #1 biggest crush for the first time

You're talking to someone who has misdialed - and they're creeping you out

You're talking to one of those telemarketers who just won't stop pestering you

Your new boss has just called to tell you that you've just been given your dream job

You've just heard of a tornado warning in your best friend's vacation destination, and you're calling him/her to update them on the weather warning

You're being held hostage, and you have to call someone to ask for ransom \$

You're trying to console your friend who just had her/his cherished pet bird die

You're having a phone interview about a job that you really don't even want

You're talking to the principal of the school, & you're pretending to be your mom