

STRESS OR NOT?

The following dialogue has three roles:

- Teacher
- Eddie
- Dominique

Practice the dialogue several times before performing it in front of the class.

For about 30 seconds, the two students sit at desks at the front of the room. Eddie shuffles frantically through papers, trying to cram for a history test. Dominique sits calmly and looks relaxed, perhaps reading a book. The teacher enters the room and walks over to his desk in the corner, talking as he walks.

TEACHER: Okay, class, it's time for your history test. I need you to clear everything off your desks.

EDDIE: (still shuffling, to himself) One more time...Okay, who was prime minister during the first world war?

TEACHER: Eddie, did you hear me? It's time for the test. Please clear everything off your desk. (Teacher begins organizing some papers.)

DOMINIQUE: (to Eddie) Hey, what are you so worried about? This thing is going to be a breeze!

EDDIE: I need to pass this test.

DOMINIQUE: Well, I need to get a good grade in this class, too. But you don't see me freaking out over it

TEACHER: (returning attention to students) Class, I can't begin the test until your desks are clear.

DOMINIQUE: (to Eddie) C'mon! I want to get started!

Eddie looks up with an expression of panic.