

# 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 president during the Great Depression?

**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:** What do you mean it's going to be a breeze? I need at least a B in this class to be eligible to play this year, and if I don't do well on this test, I'm never going to get it.

**DOMINIQUE:** Well, I need to get a good grade in this class, too. This is an important requirement for the college I want to get into. 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.*

# STRESSFUL SITUATIONS
