

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.)