

The art or **act** of **improvising**, or of composing, uttering, executing, or arranging anything without previous preparation:

Take 5 minutes and develop a 2-min pitch that has a beginning, end and middle telling your story about your idea Use the 4 thinking skills to form the presentation with one person per thinking skill.

A surprise ending

- ★ Create a TV commercial selling this hat. You should use the 4 thinking skills as part of the skit. Have a surprise ending



You will have 5 minutes to create the skit and characters. The commercial is 2min.

- ★ You are a sports announcer for a Squash game, Use the skills of innovation, Entrepreneurship and any other in describing the events or creating a new play?

- ★ You're a guidance consular team in your school and assign to help parents with issues with their children. , The team will use the 4 skills of thinking to help the parents.


Have 5 minutes to research & discuss and 2 minutes to present to the parent what skills you recommend

Student	Description	Skill assigned
Thinks they are smart	Tells everybody	
Rude	Always arguing	
Rude	Getting into fights	
Shai & not engaged	By themselves	
General student	Not in control, missing classes	

- ★ You meet the Mayor at a movie ticket counter with your team and she asks you about your thoughts of city services. What do you say in 2 minutes; show that you work well together and have some ideas to express yourselves.



Your goal is to get the mayor interested in your project using the 4 thinking skills in the hand-out and some papers you have.

 Create a humorist skit of any life-skills focusing on the negative of the skills to teach the skill to one of your students.

<b>Critical Thinking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Analyzing the past</li><li>* What evidence?</li><li>* What is the author's purpose?</li><li>* Convergent thinking</li><li>* Skepticism is a virtue</li></ul>	<b>Creative Thinking:</b> Creativity improves pupils' self-esteem, motivation and achievement <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Brain storming</li><li>* Divergent thinking</li><li>* Exploring your environment &amp; testing many options</li><li>* Stimulate curiosity</li><li>* Innovation &amp; entrepreneurship</li></ul>
<b>Meta-cognitive reflection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* What do I want to understand?</li><li>* What have I learned?</li><li>* What do I still need to learn?</li><li>* Provide feedback for reflection</li><li>* Regulate ones behavior</li></ul>	<b>Questions ... Engaging the student</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Logical Sequential</li><li>* Open ended</li><li>* Listening is the first step in good questioning</li><li>* Provocative</li><li>* Engage</li><li>* Encourage higher order thinking</li></ul>



**Work Sheet:**

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Take 5 minutes to create an Improv of the following situation:

2 minutes to present

Judging Improv

Category	Score (1-25 points for each)
Creativity ... of the skit, has a surprise	
Presentation ... use of props,	
Dialogue... related to the topic, not stupid	
Team work ,, , knew their roles, worked well together	
<b>Total=</b>	

Discussion ( 5 minutes ... group discussion)

- How did we feel when we got the assignment?
- How did we get organized?
- What would we change?

“It is not enough to be busy... the question is: What are we busy about”  
  
Henry David Thoreau



## Training

### Lakshmi Balachandra's five rules of improv

- 1) "Yes, and." Accept a situation and then deal with it.
- 2) Avoid asking questions. In business that means being conscious of how continually asking questions makes other people do all the work.
- 3) Listening. In conversation people are often planning ahead rather than really listening, and at work it's easy to be distracted by computers or blackberries. Focused listening is a crucial skill.
- 4) Add information. You have to contribute if you want things to go where you want them to.
- 5) Eye contact. In the workplace, it's important to pay attention to body language. Even on the phone you can pick up clues as to how the other person feels.

### College & career readiness skills

Problem solving	Financial literacy	<a href="#">Time management</a>
Thinking skills	Character traits	Self-control/ Values
Collaboration & Teams	Continuous improvement/ Quality	Process methods
Measurements/ Feedback	Planning	Risk taking/Stretch goals
Learning from failure	Entrepreneurship	Innovation
<a href="#">Study skills</a>	Decision making	Negotiation
Social intelligence	Team work	Organization culture
<a href="#">Listening Skills</a>		

