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
Around the World

**Opening Magic****Gibberish****Purpose**

To practice drama and presentation skills.

**Steps**

1. Explain to students that in this silly drama activity, performers give directions for a simple task, such as digging a hole, making a sandwich, or tying a shoe, without using any actual words—only “gibberish.”
2. The directions might sound like: “Gleen, baboodick havlon bik nik foon. Globozool hob. Globozzol hob. Wargel.”
3. Performers can use gestures and pantomime to help make their point clear.
4. Brainstorm a list of *simple* tasks with students. Include the three examples from Step 1 as well as student ideas. Other possibilities include folding laundry, preparing a bowl of cereal, or playing a game.
6. One at a time, invite students to the “stage” to perform.
7. Remind students that they may only use only “gibberish” to explain their directions, no known words.
8. At the end of the performance, invite audience members to guess what the performer was doing.
9. Following audience guesses, give the performer an opportunity to describe what he or she was doing.

	Activity: Drama
	Grouping: Whole
	Complexity: Medium Low
	Materials: none

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