



**Didactic** Project

1º & 2º SECONDARY EDUCATION STAGE

# Nobody's Perfect



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#### **1. JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL**

Theatre as a tool for stimulating and encouraging the student to discover, learn and apply the language he/she has learned.

The plays present civic content and are also focused on an educational/student environment that will allow the students to identify with the values contained therein.

The scripts, apart from allowing the play to be performed in the theatre thus creating the recreational and aesthetic aspect, also allow communicative functions, vocabulary and grammatical structures to be developed. These can be worked on beforehand in class using a series of worksheets to facilitate understanding of the plot and contribute to language learning.

This didactic material is adjusted to the level of the students according to the objectives stipulated for said level by the M.E.

### 2. OBJECTIVES:

#### General:

- Listening to and understanding messages in varied verbal exchanges, utilizing the transmitted information to carry out concrete tasks.
- Expressing oneself and interacting orally in simple and common situations, using verbal and non-verbal procedures and adopting a respectful attitude.
- Writing a variety of texts with different endings with the help of templates and models.
- Reading various texts in order to understand them, extracting general and specific information in accordance with a pre-established goal.
- Valuing a foreign language as a mean of communication and understanding among people with different places of origin, culture and languages.
- Contributing to the student's knowledge of linguistic, geographic and cultural features of the country where the foreign language is spoken.
- Understanding that theatre is a source of pleasure and personal enrichment, thus fostering his/her interest in it.

#### Specific:

- Fostering interest in participating in oral exchanges about routines and situations from daily life in the said foreign language.
- Working on language prosody: aspects of phonetics, rhythm, accentuation and intonation.
- Familiarizing the student, from the start, with the story's plot and different characters in order to facilitate comprehension of the performance during the play.
- Developing two communicative functions per level, providing the student with all the syntactic, grammatical, lexical and phonetic knowledge that make up the said functions in order for the student to be able to grasp them.
- The four basic competencies that each reader needs to control in order to communicate optimally will also be worked on: listening and reading comprehension (L.C.-R.C.) and written and oral expression (W.E.-O.E).



#### 3. METHODOLOGY

#### **Presentation of Material:**

The didactic worksheets included with the material, available to both students and teachers, are designed to be completed over **four sessions of 60 minutes**. The idea behind this is that the worksheets should be integrated into the class routine, reinforcing or applying previously acquired knowledge or introducing new but simple content on languages for a certain level.

#### **Material Structure:**

The objective of the **first session** is to give the students the necessary hints in order for them to be able to watch the play without any comprehension problems on the day it is performed.

The objectives of the **second and third sessions** have a more communicative goal. They are designed to allow the student grasp two communicative functions.

The **fourth session** will be focused on expression. After having seen it, the student will be allowed to express his/her opinion on the performance (comparing the play's actual ending with the ending he/she had previously imagined; comparing the behavior of the actors with his/her own.)

# **BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE**

1º & 2º ESO		OBJECTIVES	SKILLS
SESSION 1	Activity 1	<ul> <li>Familiarisation with the plot.</li> </ul>	• R.C. • W.E.
	Activity 2	Discriminating words.	• L.C.
	Activity 3	<ul> <li>Familiarisation with the characters.</li> </ul>	• R.C. • W.E.
SESSION 2	Activity 1	<ul><li>Communicative Function: introducing oneself.</li><li>Practising with the Past.</li></ul>	<ul><li> R.C.</li><li> W.E.</li><li> L.C.</li></ul>
	Activity 2	<ul> <li>Following more instructions.</li> <li>Linguistics : <u>Vocabulary</u>: action verbs and prepositions.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>L.C.</li><li>R.C.</li><li>W.E.</li></ul>
	Activity 3	Listening to a song	• L.C.
SESSION 3	Activity 1	<ul> <li>Communicative function: Phone conversation.</li> <li>Linguistics : - <u>Vocabulary</u> : question words (wh-).</li> </ul>	<ul><li>L.C.</li><li>W.E.</li><li>O.E.</li></ul>
	Activity 2	<ul><li>Testing your knowledge.</li><li>Making hypotheses.</li></ul>	<ul><li>L.C.</li><li>W.E.</li></ul>
	Activity 3	Role-Play.	• R.C. • O.E.



# AFTER THE PERFORMANCE

1º & 2º ESO		OBJECTIVES	SKILLS
SESSION 4	Activity 1	Verifying your hypotheses.	• W.E.
	Activity 2	<ul> <li>Describing the performance as a whole.</li> </ul>	• W.E.
	Activity 3	<ul><li>Listening to a song.</li><li>Singing a song.</li></ul>	• L.C.



#### **APPROACH CHOSEN:**

Although our main objectives are to foster interest in theatre and to help the student to grasp two new communicative functions, our approach is intended to be fun, visual and aimed at communication. In fact, on these worksheets, we can find many activities presented as games and which also provide moments of fun in class. Regarding the visual aspect, it must be pointed out that majority of the activities are based on images or cartoons. Finally, all sessions require the student to express him/herself, with activities focusing on situations from daily life or even acting. As such, the goal is to offer activities as an alternative to the class's routine and to make learning a second language more attractive. All of this work is presented as project of the utmost interest: seeing a play in a foreign language.

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Before starting on the worksheets and the activities proposed therein, the students must have the script in order to go on to read it. Similarly, given that there are many activities requiring useful and modern resources, there must also be a CD player in the classroom for listening to the scenes and songs. All this material (script, tracks, worksheets) can be requested when booking tickets for the theatre. The material is also available on the following website: <u>www.recursosweb.com</u>

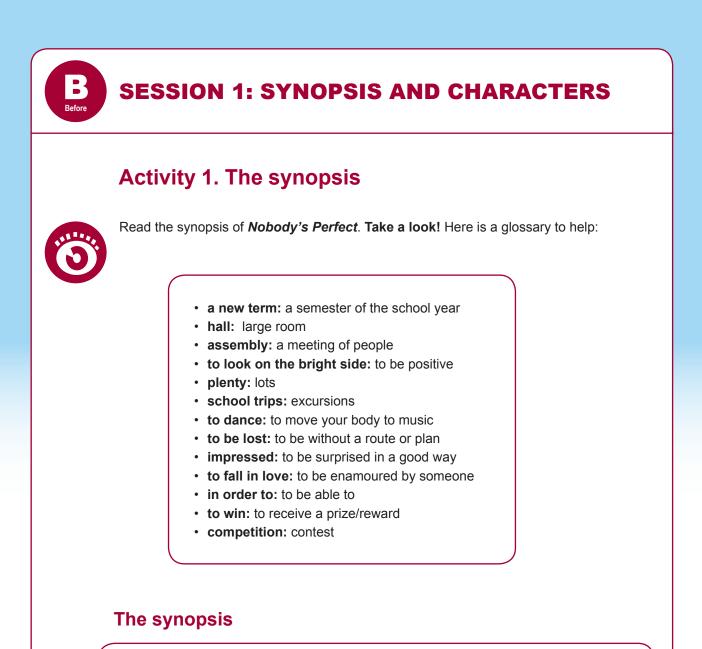
In the student section, the sessions are spread out over several worksheets. As such, it is advisable to make as many copies as there are students as soon as possible. As soon as the students have the worksheets, they will be able to complete them, following the instructions given for each exercise and with help from additional materials such as dictionaries and reference manuals in class.

In the teacher's section, you will find all the activities designed for the students as well as the answer key with all the correct answers for all the questions.

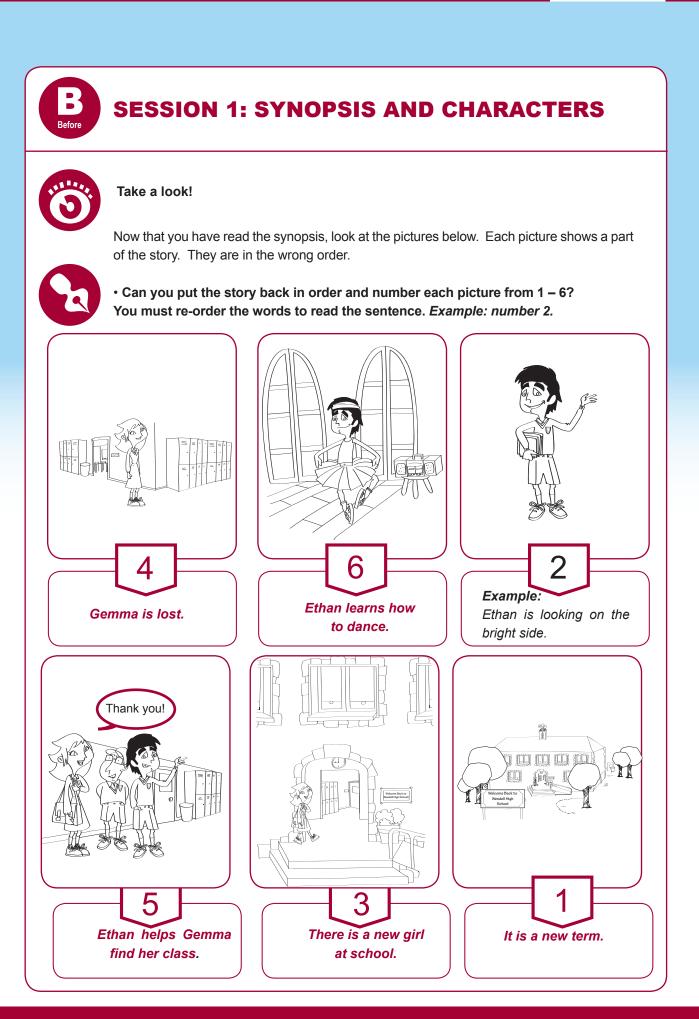
Each activity on the didactic worksheets is designed to train the four basic skills in foreign language acquisition: Auditory Comprehension, Reading Comprehension, Written Expression and Oral Expression.

Through these skills, a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and phonetic aspects are worked on in order to develop a series of communicative functions that we consider key for understanding the play as well for applying them to real situations.

In addition to the presence of the different basic skills, the sessions follow a sequential order. As such, it is important to complete each and every one of the sessions, from the introduction of the characters and the plot to the storyline, culminating in the resolution of the play. Therefore, completing the didactic worksheets before going to see the play is necessary to reinforce the overall comprehension of the play and, at the same time, we create excitement and expectations that could very well be completely found upon leaving the theatre.



It is the start of a new term as Wendell High School. Ethan and his friend, J.C, arrive in the main hall. It is the first assembly of the year. J.C. is not happy to be back at school, but Ethan is looking on the bright side. Yes, holidays are over, but there are plenty of good things going on at school, for example: friends, school trips and of course... girls! There is one girl in particular who Ethan is very happy to meet. Her name is Gemma. Gemma is a new student who loves dancing. She is lost on her first day in a new school and cannot find her science class. Ethan and J.C. help Gemma find her way to class. Ethan is very impressed by this new girl at school. In fact, he believes he has fallen in love. Gemma is perfect: long blonde hair, beautiful eyes and she is a dancer. Ethan tries to dance for Gemma, but he is not very good. In order to win Gemma will fall in love with him? Gemma and Ethan become partners in a dance competition in the city. The trouble is, can Ethan ever learn to dance? Could he ever win a dance competition? Most important of all, will this be enough to win Gemma's love?



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# **SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS**

#### Activity 2. Asking for and giving directions

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Listen to TRACK 2. Everyone is arriving at school for the first day of term. The new girl at school, Gemma, is lost. She needs to find her science class, but she doesn't know her way around. She asks Ethan and his friend for help and they try to give her directions.

Now read the sentences in the box below. They are lines from the scene. They are about asking for and giving directions. Listen to the track twice more and try to locate them in the extract. Write the ones you hear into the spaces in the text below.

"at the end of "	"Excuse me"	"straight ahead"
"really close to"	"use the lift"	"Do you know where"
"on the first floor"	"when you get there"	"can we help you?"

#### (Gemma appears.)

J.C. & Eth	
Ethan:	(Ethan slaps friend.) Ouch! Look at her, she's so beautiful. Who's she?
J.C.:	Hello!
Ethan:	Hi.
Gemma:	How are you guys?
Ethan:	Cool.
Gemma:	Excuse me, but this is my first day here.
Ethan:	How <b>can we help you</b> , babe?
Gemma:	The thing is I don't know where I have to go. I was supposed to go to the Science lab.
	Do you know wherecould I find that?
Ethan:	Mmmm
Gemma:	Mmmm?
Ethan:	Yeah! The Science lab isreally close tomy Maths class.
Gemma:	That sounds nice but Where is your Maths class?
Ethan:	Two doors down from the French class.
Gemma:	Are you pulling my leg? This is my first day here. I don't know where any of my classes are.
Ethan:	All right, I am sorry.
J.C.:	Science's class ison the first floor; no, I'm wrong. It is on the third floor.
Gemma:	First or third?
J.C.:	Third. You can <b>use the lift</b> .
Gemma:	Is there a lift in this school?
J.C.:	Yes there is.
Ethan:	Push the button for the third floor andwhen you get there, the lab is straight
	ahead. Then,at the end of the corridor you should find it, if nobody has
	moved it Ha ha ha
Gemma:	Very funny Lift Third floorstraight ahead
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# SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS

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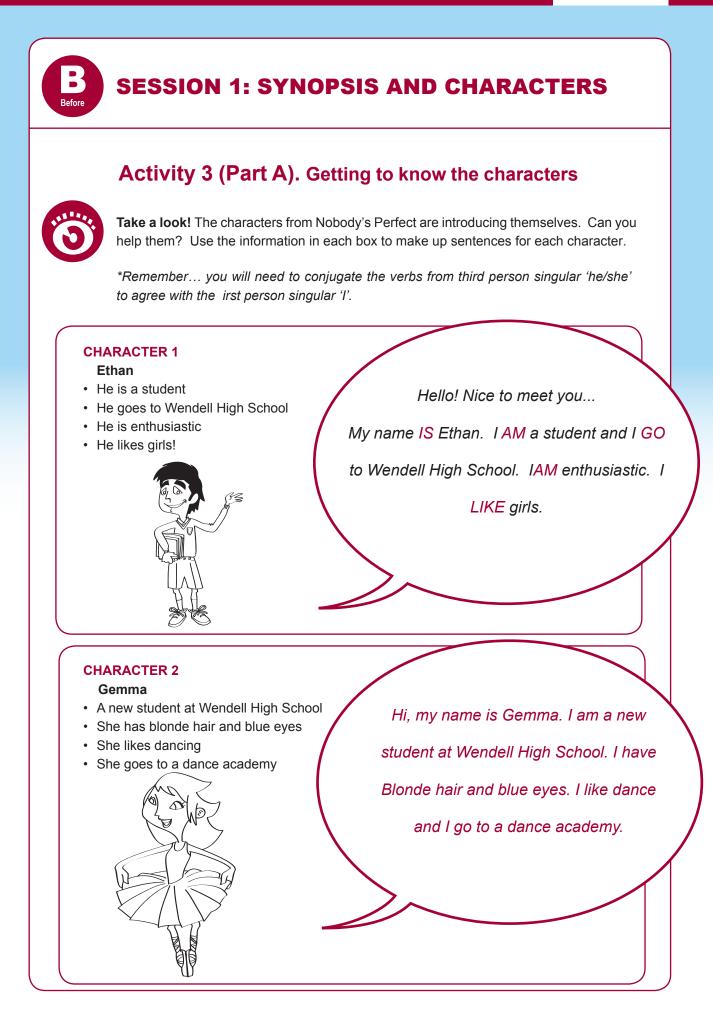


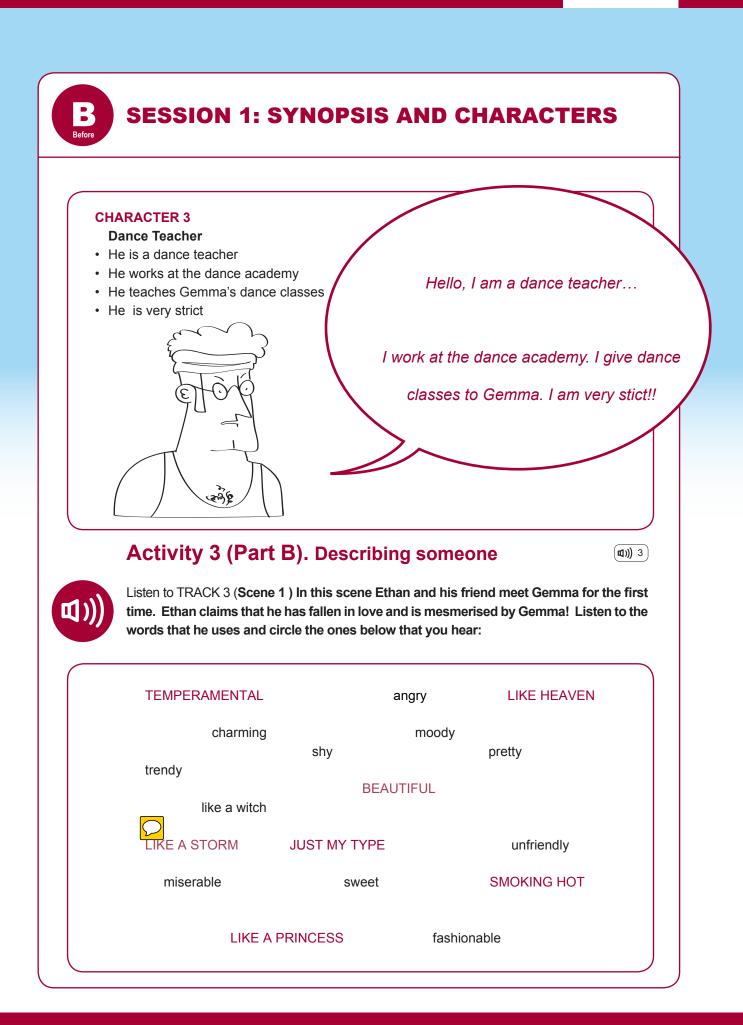
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"In front of"
"Turn around"
"Turn left/right"
"Walk 50 steps"
"After 5 minutes"
"Walk past the"
"You will see a sign for"
"At the roundabout/traffic lights"

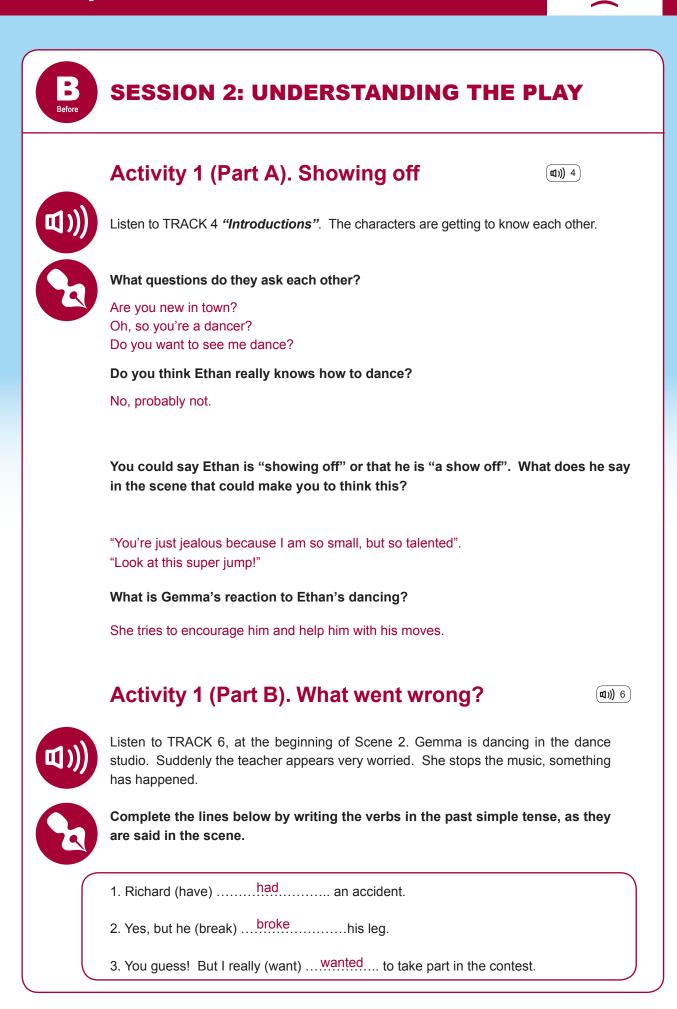


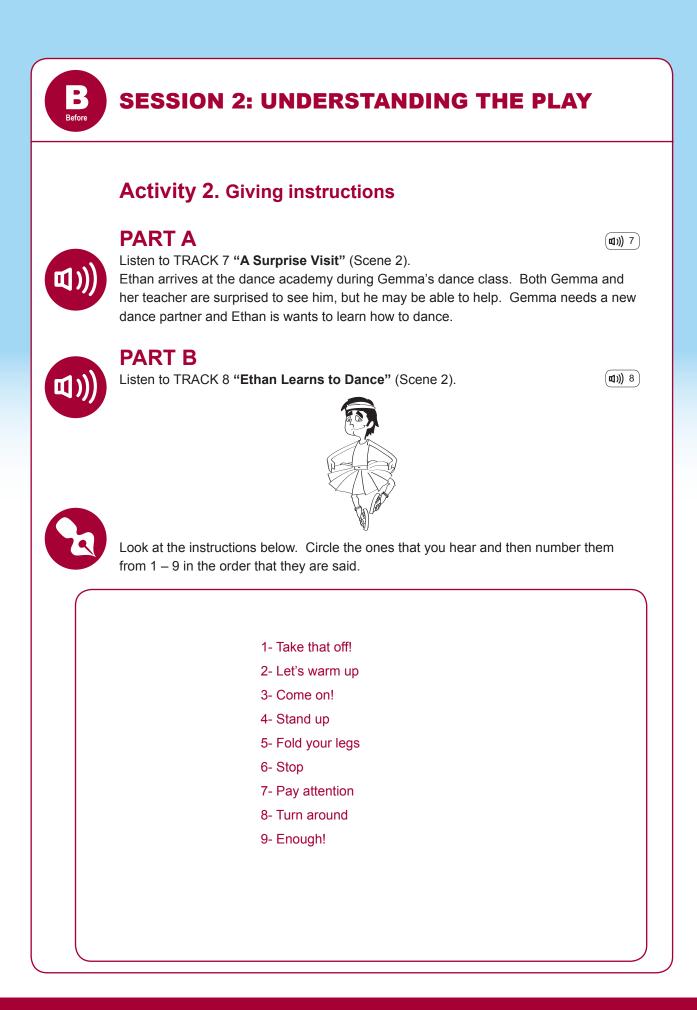




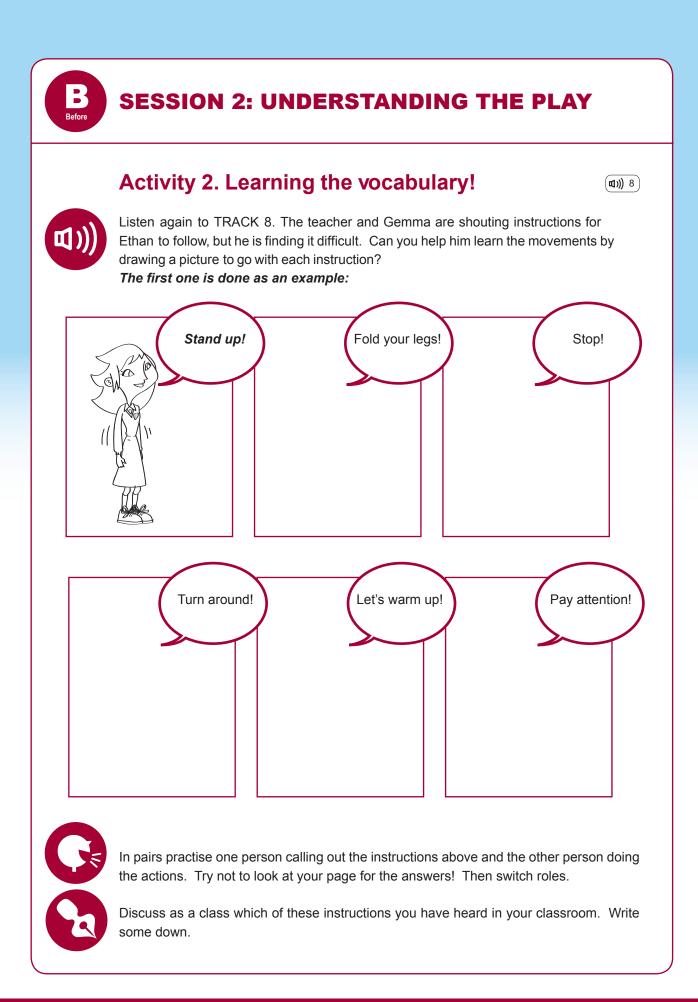


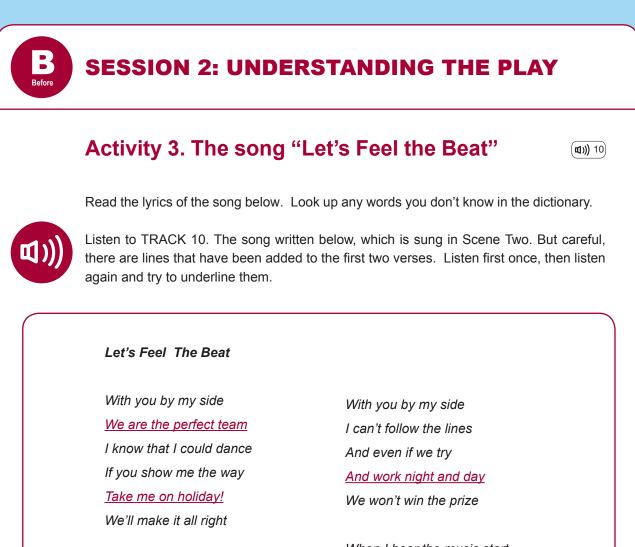
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	Now that you have listened to the track, write down some other words which you think cou describe Gemma:
	Below are two lists of adjectives, synonyms and antonyms. Try and match each adjecti
	to their correct synonym and antonym:
	beautiful - stunning - ugly
	happy - cheerful - sad
	kind – friendly - unkind
	clever – intelligent - stupid
	funny – amusing - serious
	talkative – chatty - quiet
	Listen again to TRACK 3 (Scene 1) and make a note of the following: the characters u phrases to compare each other to things as a way of describing them. These are know as <u>similes</u> .
	Ethan: She's smoking hot. She looks like a princess.
	Friend: And <b>you look like</b> a frog. Ethan: Look at her hair!! <b>It's like</b> spun gold.
	Ethan: She is so temperamental. <b>She's like</b> a storm.
	Ethan: <i>Her voice is like</i> heaven. She must be a Pop star.
	Now write down a description of someone you know. Think about some of the adjectiv





Before	SESSION 2:	UNDERSTANDIN	G THE PLAY
	Now work on your own to need to.	o complete the following. You ca	an listen to the scene again if you
	• Which verbs in Part B	of the previous exercise are us	sed to express action :
	Example: To Stand (Sta (give four verbs):	" To fold ", ""	To turn",
"	To pay attention "	" To come " and "	To warm
	• Do you know any more	e action verbs?	
		the exercise in Part B take <b>pre</b> <i>up!</i> . Match the following action	
	- St	and up	
	- Si	t down	
	- Kı	neel down	
	- W	ave your arms in the air	
	- Τι	ırn around	
	- Ta	ke that off	
	and under.	epositions showing location in th ng drawings, write the correct pre	
	The cat is <u>under</u> the table.	The cat is <u>on</u> the table.	The cat is <u>in</u> the box.





When I hear the music start I wanna hold you in my arms When I hear the music start <u>It feels amazing</u> I wanna hold you in my arms

Let's feel the beat Let's feel the rhythm of your heart Let's feel the music of the stars

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Let's feel the beat Let's feel the rhythm of my heart Let's feel the music of the stars



## **SESSION 3: TOWARD THE END**

#### Activity 1. Saying "Sorry"

Listen again to TRACK 12 "A Phone Call". The scene starts with a conversation between Ethan and his friend. Ethan is sad, but he doesn't want to say why. Then, he admits that he is unhappy because he is in love with Gemma. Gemma was rude to Ethan in the dance class and he left. Suddenly, the phone rings and it is Gemma. She is ringing to say sorry.

Now, read the questions below. Then listen to the track twice more and tick the box which accurately describes what is said in the scene.

Here are some useful words and their synonyms to help you understand the dialogue:

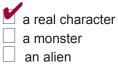
- the matter the problem
- to lie to not tell the truth
- to hang up to put the phone down when someone is still talking
- unfair unjust
- a contest a competition
- to meow the noise a cat makes
- to apologise to say sorry
- to accept an apology to say "it's ok, don't worry" when someone says sorry

#### **Questions:**

1. Ethan arrives home feeling :



2. Ethan and his friend agree that Gemma is:

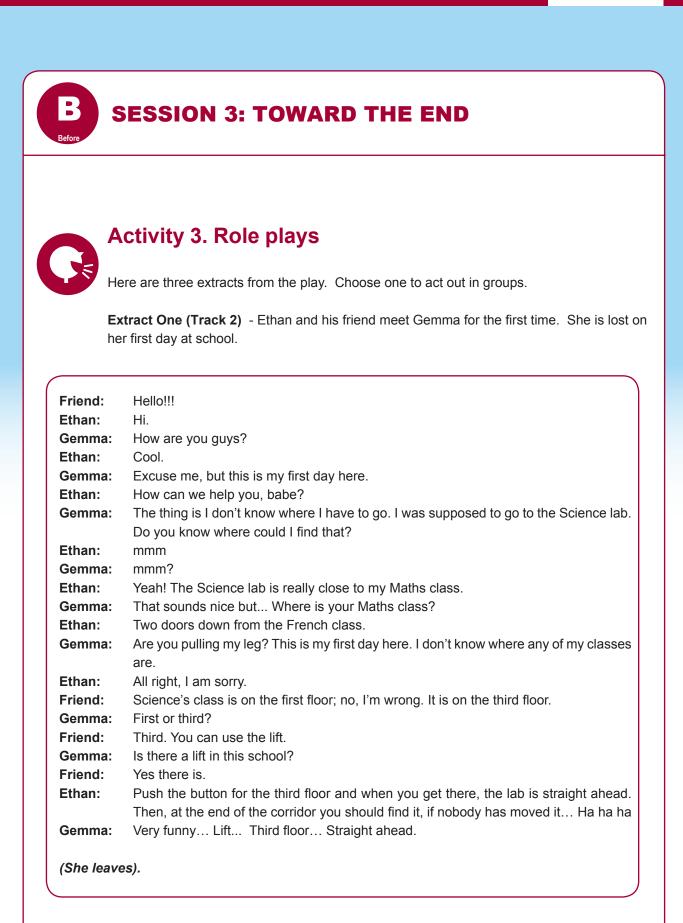


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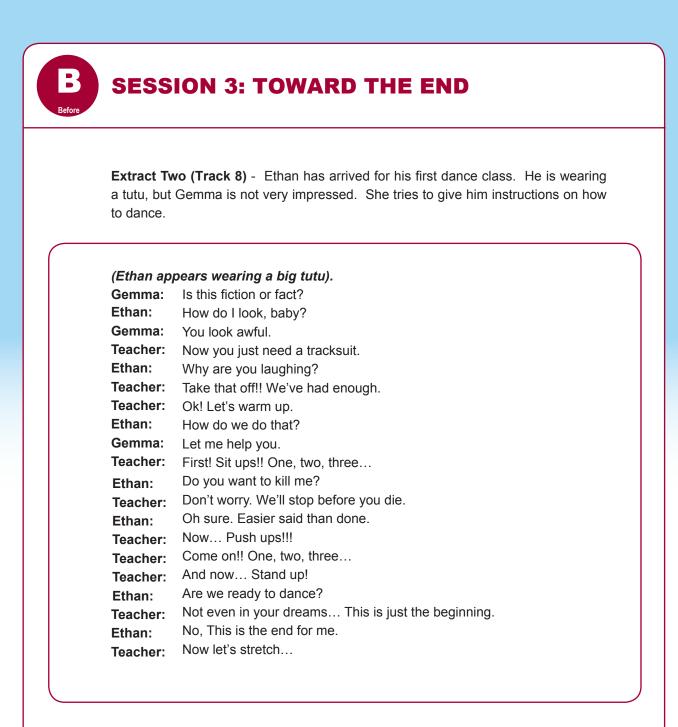
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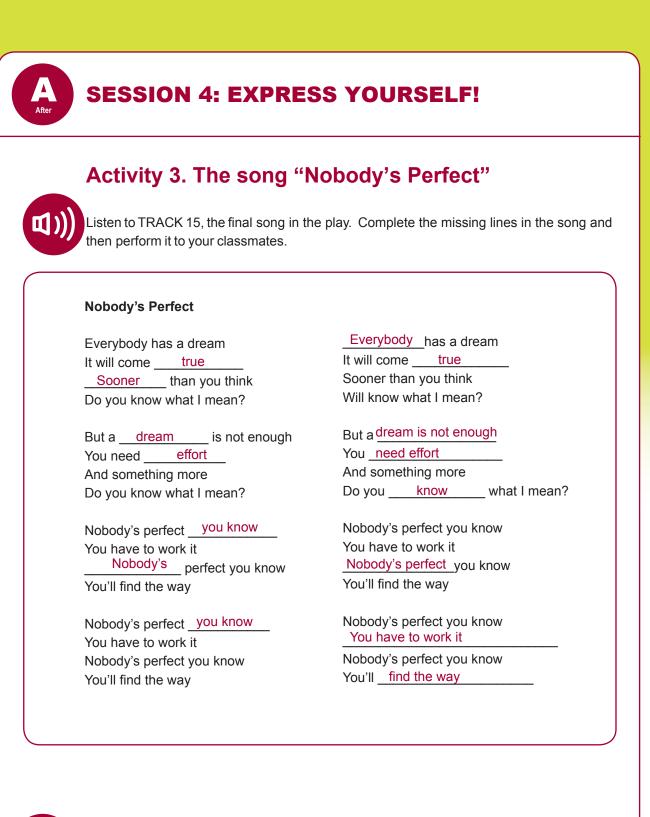




SESSION 4:	EXPRESS YOURSELF!
Activity 1. The	end of the play and your impressions
	body's <b>Perfect!</b> Was it how you imagined it to be? Look back ending in Activity 2 'What's Next' Session 3.
Which version did you p groups and then feedbac	refer - your interpretation or the real ending in the play? Discus ck to the class.
The box below has som	ne words to help you get started
What did you predict t My predictions were	-
I prefer my ending / the	e real ending because more (+)
it was	<ul> <li>inventive/predictable</li> <li>exciting/boring</li> <li>enjoyable</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>fun</li><li>interesting</li><li>romantic</li></ul>
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Did you correctly pred	lict the ending of the play?
<ul><li>Yes I predicte</li><li>No I did not p</li></ul>	ed the ending. predict the ending.

After	SESSION 4: EXPRESS YOURSELF!
2	Look back at Activity 2 'Getting to Know the Characters' in Session 1 Now that you have seen the play, who was your favourite character? Why?
	My favourite character was because he/she was
	<ul> <li>original</li> <li>entertaining</li> <li>interesting</li> <li>energetic</li> <li>sensitive</li> <li>creative</li> <li>realistic</li> </ul>
	My favourite part was when he/she

After	SESSION 4: EXPRESS YOURSELF!
	Activity 2. The play in general
	Did you enjoy <b>Nobody's Perfect</b> ? Write a bit about what you thought of:
	The story, the characters, the costumes, the stage design and props, the songs
	Write a sentence for each:
	Use verbs such as "to like"; "to love"; "to enjoy".
8	Use verbs such as "to hate" ; "to prefer".
	<ul> <li>E.g. I liked the characters because they were funny.</li> <li>I hated the story because I don't like dancingOR, I didn't hate anything!</li> <li>I preferred the props to the costumes because</li> </ul>
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Get into pairs or small groups and try and invent your own verse to the song. Think about:

- · The title and what it means
- Do you want the words to rhyme?

When you finish, perform it to your classmates.

#### OTHER SHOWS 1° & 2° SECONDARY EDUCATION STAGE

A Christmas Carol *(In English)* A Midsummer Night's Dream *(In English)* Notre Dame de Paris *(En Français)* Oliver Twist El lazarillo de Tormes Bodas de sangre

# Nobody's Perfect

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Follow the music that takes you to the dance floor of this absurd comedy, making your pupils burst into laughter. In the best English adapted for them, they will learn that it is not being the best at something that matters, and that what is really important is to do things with enthusiasm, have fun, and enjoy them. They just have to try to learn the steps... and go with the flow.

