

Subject

Language Arts

Concept

Self-Evaluation

Grade Level

4 - 5

National Career Guidelines

Competency

III

Awareness of Importance of Growth and Change

Type of Activity

Three Volunteers with Whole Class Participation

Related Occupations

Guidance Counselor

Teacher

Is Anyone Listening?

This activity will help students learn the importance of listening. Students will develop an awareness through class discussion that feelings of stress or conflict occur when the audience will not listen to the speaker.

Material/Supplies

None

Activity

- The teacher will lead a class discussion on the three types of communication: Verbal, nonverbal, and listening.
- After the class discussion, the teacher will ask three volunteers to go out of the room and prepare a talk to give in front of the class.
- The subject will be, *What my perfect day would be.*
- The teacher should prepare the volunteers for the disrespect they will appear to be receiving from classmates as they present their speeches.
- When the students are outside the room, set up three situations with the class.
- When the first student returns, the class *will not listen.*
- When the second student returns, the class *will whisper or talk quietly.*
- When the third student enters the room, the class *will be the best listeners possible.*
- After each student gives his/her speech, ask: *What has happened in this classroom? Was anyone listening? How did this feel?*

Evaluation

Evaluate students on their demonstration of awareness of feelings of stress created when the audience will not listen to the speaker.

Lessons located in Career Development Activities, Elementary Level CS1100