



Charades!

Domain III: Understanding Faces

GOAL: The goal of Charades is to facilitate the child's awareness of how emotion, identity and social situation can be conveyed through faces.

OBJECTIVE: Acting out emotions, identities and social situations can be a great way for children to gain an understanding of the importance of these elements in social interactions. Not only is it helpful to practice acting out certain scenarios by making specific facial expressions and moving your body in a particular way, it is also beneficial to see others act out these scenarios and search for clues in the scene (facial expressions and body language) that will provide information about what is happening.

MATERIALS:

-List of charade ideas (optional: you can create your own that are of specific importance for your child).

PROCEDURE: This activity works best with two or more players. Cut along the dotted lines of the charade ideas at the end of this activity. Fold them in half and put them in a bowl. You can decide whether players will act in groups of two or by themselves (charade ideas are divided between single and double actors). Ask the first actor(s) to pick a piece of paper out of the bowl and read the scenario without telling anyone what they have read. If the child has difficulty reading or doesn't understand the card, have a helper explain it to them or pick a new one.

The actor will begin to act out the scenario on the card. The actor can give one of three clues to the audience: person (character), expression, or situation. The first clue can be spoken, but from this point on the actor must remain silent. The actor can indicate the number of words by showing the corresponding number of fingers on their hand. Depending on how charades-savvy you and your group are you can use more clues (syllables, sounds-like, etc...).

The audience will try and guess what the actor is portraying and when they guess correctly the next actor can have a turn.

Expression DISGUST	Expression ANGRY
Expression NERVOUS	Expression SAD
Expression CONCERNED	Expression HAPPY
Expression SURPRISE	Expression GUILT
Expression EXCITED	Expression BORED
Expression SCARED	Expression DISAPPOINTED
Expression MISCHEVIOUS	Expression EXHAUSTED
Expression ANNOYED	Expression PROUD
Expression CONFUSED	Expression SUSPICIOUS
Expression CALM/RELAXED	Expression DETERMINED

Person/Character HARRY POTTER	Person/Character THE GRINCH
Person/Character THE LITTLE MERMAID	Person/Character THE EASTER BUNNY
Person/Character BUZZ LIGHTYEAR	Person A TRANSFORMER
Person/Character BATMAN	Person VAMPIRE
Person PIRATE	Animal ELEPHANT
Person MAGICIAN	Animal KANGAROO
Person HOCKEY PLAYER	Animal LION
Person FIGURE SKATER	Animal EAGLE
Person SWIMMER	Animal MOUSE
Person DANCER	Animal BEAR

<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I stubbed my toe</p>	<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I ate something gross</p>
<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>A spider crawled up my leg</p>	<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I won a race</p>
<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I'm driving a race car</p>	<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I'm picking flowers to make a bouquet</p>
<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I'm rowing a boat in stormy seas</p>	<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I'm a doctor performing surgery on a patient</p>
<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I'm sculpting a statue</p>	<p>Situation 1 Actor</p> <p>I'm watching a scary movie</p>
<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>We are having a pleasant picnic</p>	<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>We are playing a competitive game of chess</p>
<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>We are performing rock band</p>	<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>Cat chasing a mouse</p>
<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>Person playing fetch with their dog</p>	<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>Mom trying to feed baby food to her fussy baby</p>
<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>Getting a haircut</p>	<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>A detective and his/her side-kick looking for clues to solve a mystery</p>
<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>Scuba divers looking at fish in the ocean</p>	<p>Situation 2 Actors</p> <p>Kids jumping on a trampoline</p>