

LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE

**THEATRE GAMES 6-8 Grade
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FUN ACTING GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY GIBBERISH TRANSLATOR

This popular exercise is challenging and is practiced by many actors and improvisers in their training. You might even see this performed at a real show! It's an absolute favorite in acting school and helps to build really good theatre skills.

Gibberish (a made-up language) means speaking with silly sounds that don't mean anything, while still communicating an intention and meaning.

Two players can play this game.

Player 1 speaks Gibberish, and Player 2 will translate Player 1's Gibberish into English for their audience.

Player 1 can be an expert in something unusual like a Fashion Designer for Penguins-you get to make it up!

Player 2 is the Interviewer and asks the Expert questions about their work in English. A question might be "Is your runway made of ice?"

Player 1 answers in Gibberish-using lots of pantomime (body gestures) to help express what they are saying.

Player 2 interprets (translates) what Player 1 is saying and explains it to the audience.

You can ask the Expert a few questions and then get some questions from your audience too!

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

The Gibberish person understands English but doesn't speak it.

The Translator doesn't have to figure out exactly what the Expert is saying but guesses by watching their actions and improvises the rest as they explain the Expert's answers.

This is such a fun game-you will get a lot of laughs from playing the Gibberish character and from being a Translator trying to figure out what in the world the Expert is trying to say. The audience will have a great time watching and coming up with questions for the Expert.