

FOLLOWERS

3º & 4º PRIMARY EDUCATION



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SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS

Activity 1: Synopsis



Before you read the synopsis of the play, match the correct word to the correct definition.

1. **audition**

2. **followers**

3. **audience**

4. **social media**

5. **challenge**

6. **hindrance**

- a. an impeding, stopping, preventing, or the like
- b. means of social communication (Ex. Instagram, Tik - Tok, Facebook, etc.)
- c. an enthusiast or supporter
- d. trial for performers
- e. the group of people listening to or viewing a public event.
- f. a call to compete in a contest or in a fight



Synopsis

Neil is 20 years old. He is studying drama in London. He has an audition to take part in a TV series with the famous artist Danna Manola. Neil is her number one fan and he is really excited. The audition is a success for Neil, but there's a problem: Neil doesn't have enough followers on social media and that's a hindrance to his career. He and Danna Manola have a well defined plan to get a lot of followers in a short time, but that means tricking the audience with a fake challenge. Claudia is Neil's friend. She believes in the Neil's abilities and she wants Neil to be honest. She encourages him not to participate in the lie. Will she succeed...?



SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS



Activity 2: The Characters

Take a look! Below is Danna Manola's social media profile. Have a look and hopefully it will give you some ideas. Then try to write about Neil, Claudie and your own profile.

**Danna
Manola**



- She is 20 years old.
- She is a star.
- She is the most famous artist in United Kingdom.
- She loves the social media.
- She has a lot of followers.

Hi there!

My name is Danna Manola and I am the most famous artist in UK. Welcome to my social media page. Here you will find loads of pictures and information about me and my life, including the things that I like and don't like and all of the things I do every day!

I'm 20 and I love to share my life with my followers online. I think I live a really cool life! I am so popular with everybody.

Neil



- He is 20 years old.
- He live in London.
- He comes from Bristol.
- He is studying drama.
- He is a Danna Manola's fan.
- He has a few followers.

Hello! I am Neil I...



SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS

Activity 2: The Characters

Claudia



- She is Neil's best friend.
- She is a very loyal and honest person.
- She doesn't like the lie.
- She likes music but she never dance
- She believes in Neil's talent.

Now try to write your own profile page. Include details about your family, friends, things you like and don't like and the places you have been to.



SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS

Activity 3 : Adjectives



Read the quotes from each character of the play and choose one of the following adjectives to describe them.

NERVOUS – PUZZLED – EMBARRASSED - HONEST - IMPATIENT - PESIMISTIC

Neil: *"Oh sorry. I've on pins and needles."*

Adjective: _____

Casting

Director: *"Ok, we don't have much time... Let's start!"*

Adjective: _____

Claudia: *"This is going from bad to worse."*

Adjective: _____

Danna: *"What's going on?"*

Adjective: _____

Danna: *Sorry for this mess. It's all my fault?*

Adjective: _____

Claudia: *"They know each other. They're lying to you."*

Adjective: _____



SESSION 2: UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY

Activity 1: What Is Happening?



Read to the extract from the play, then, put the dialogues from the scene in the correct order.

DIALOGUE 1:

- CLAUDIA:** So... Is the role yours, then?
NEIL: Not yet... but I'm almost there.
CLAUDIA: _____
NEIL: Yes, the thing is... I don't have enough followers.
CLAUDIA: _____
NEIL: Yes, followers!
CLAUDIA: What does that have to do with your audition?
NEIL: The more followers I have, the better chance I have of getting the role.
CLAUDIA: _____
NEIL: Danna Manola.
CLAUDIA: How many followers do you need?
NEIL: _____
CLAUDIA: How many do you have?
NEIL: _____
CLAUDIA: Well, that's an impossible mission.
NEIL: _____
CLAUDIA: Neil, my friend. I really believe in you.

- (A) Says who?
 (B) 600
 (C) Followers
 (D) Thanks for the encouragement
 (E) At least 100.000
 (F) Almost?



SESSION 2: UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY



DIALOGUE 2:

DANNA: _____

NEIL: I know, almost 20.000 people will be

DANNA: there. A good crowd. Why don't you come?

NEIL: _____

DANNA: I have two V.I.P. tickets for you.

NEIL: _____

DANNA: Yes, you can bring whoever you want.

CLAUDIA: _____

(Neil tries to hide Claudia.)

NEIL: Me! Me!

DANNA: I know your friend is there. You can come with her.

NEIL: _____

DANNA: OK, listen to me. In the middle of the concert, I invite three fans to come up onstage and dance with me.

NEIL: Do you want me to come up with you?

DANNA: Yes, so, you can take my mic off of me and scream your Instagram account.

NEIL: _____

CLAUDIA: Oh, no! Don't do it, Neil.

DANNA: Why?

CLAUDIA: _____

- (A) Me! Me! Me!
- (B) It's sold out
- (C) Yes, please
- (D) This is going from bad to worse
- (E) Tonight is my concert at the city arena
- (F) Really?
- (G) Two?



SESSION 2: UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY

Activity 2: Song Be Cool!



Listen to TRACK 1, the song "Be Cool"

**BE COOL**

<i>If you're worried or uncertain</i>	<i>Keep your worries out of sight</i>
<i>If your feelings are hurt</i>	<i>play it cool tonight</i>
<i>Be your best friend tonight</i>	<i>Play it cool, Just be cool, don't be shy</i>
<i>Keep things light</i>	
<i>Keep your worries out of sight</i>	<i>Just be cool!</i>
<i>play it cool tonight</i>	<i>Playing like a fool</i>
<i>Play it cool, just be cool, don't be shy</i>	<i>Just be cool!</i>
<i>Just be cool!</i>	<i>Walking on the moon</i>
<i>Playing like a fool</i>	
<i>Just be cool!</i>	<i>Just be cool!</i>
<i>Walking on the moon</i>	<i>Playing like a fool</i>
<i>If you're worried or uncertain</i>	<i>Just be cool!</i>
<i>If your feelings are hurt</i>	<i>Walking on the moon</i>
<i>Be your best friend tonight</i>	
<i>Keep things light</i>	



In pairs, practise the following questions:

- What does it mean to be cool?
- How is a cool person?
- Do you know anyone cool?
- Would you like to be cool?



SESSION 2: **UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY**

Activity 3. A Typical Love Song



Listen carefully to the song, “*Typical Love Song*” (**Track 2**), and try to complete the missing words. The first letter of each word has been given to help you.

TYPICAL LOVE SONG

*This is a typical love song
I love you
Sha la la la la la la*

_____ so damn fine
Thinking of her all the time

She got me crazy

_____ like this before
He took me closer to heaven

Oh my gosh let's go

*This is a typical love song
Sha la la la la
I love you
It's a typical, a typical song*

*Sha la la la la
I love you
It's a typical, typical
Typical, typical, typical love song*

_____ to get her She
's a special girl

*Sha la la la la
I love you*

I know It's hard to get him

*Sha la la la la
I love you, I love you
This is a typical love song ...*



SESSION 3: EXPRESS YOURSELF!

Activity 1: The End of the Play And Your Impressions



Now you have seen FOLLOWERS, was it how you imagined it to be?
Compare the real thing with what you imagined the play to be.

I prefer my ending / the real ending / my interpretation of the characters / the actor's interpretation because.....

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..it was...

...more (+)...

- *original*
- *entertaining*
- *boring*
- *interesting*
- *dynamic*
- *emotive*
- *creative*
- *realistic*



SESSION 3: Express Yourself!



Activity 2: Role Play

Here there are three extracts from the play. Choose one to act out in groups.

Extract I (from Scene 2)

NEIL: What?

CLAUDIA: You have to trust on your talent.

NEIL: Yes... Yes... You are right.

CLAUDIA: Good!

NEIL: But I need more followers to do that.

CLAUDIA: Oh no!

NEIL: Please, help me!

CLAUDIA: How can I help you?

NEIL: I am good at dancing, I should do a live dance.

CLAUDIA: That's a good idea.

NEIL: OK, let's go live on

CLAUDIA: Instagram. ??

NEIL: There we go.
(Neil starts dancing very well.)

CLAUDIA: Wow! You are the best, buddy.

NEIL: How many viewers do I have?

CLAUDIA: Let me check! Seven!

NEIL: That's nothing.

CLAUDIA: Now you've lost one now... Six!

NEIL: I can't give up!
(Times passes.)

SESSION 3: Express Yourself!

Extract II (from Scene 3)

DANNA: You have to be quickest in putting up your hand. So, guys, raise your hands in 3, 2, 1... you and you! You can come with me to stage.

(They are all on stage.)

(To volunteer one.)

DANNA: *What's your name?
How old are you? Are you good at dancing?*

DANNA: *But you need to find a special gesture when you finish your dance... so... spin and gesture!*

Very good.

(To volunteer two.)

Hi, my friend! What's your name?

Do you live here in this city?

Okay, what's the name of your school?

Wow! Do you have many fans in here?

OK, let's rehearse your final pose. Jump and pose, OK? One, two, three! Very good!

(Applause.)

DANNA: Ok! You two are friends, right?

NEIL: Yes, my name is Neil.

CLAUDIA: I'm Claudia, but I've never danced before.

NEIL: Claudia! I know you can dance!

CLAUDIA: I'm so embarrassed that I'm going to cry!

SESSION 3: Express Yourself!

Extract III (from Scene 3)

- CLAUDIA:** I thought you were my friend.
- NEIL:** I don't want to be your friend anymore. Please, leave the stage.
- CLAUDIA:** But...
- NEIL:** Leave the stage...
(She leaves the stage, very sad.)
- DANNA:** Well, dear audience, I apologise for all this inconvenience...
(She approaches Neil.)
Thank you, handsome. You danced very well... May we have your Instagram username? I am sure everyone wants to follow you.
- NEIL:** Sure! My Instagram username is lamneilstory.
- DANNA:** lamneilstory. Follow him, everyone!
(Claudia is still in the crowd.)
- CLAUDIA:** No! He's an impostor!
- DANNA:** What's going on?
- CLAUDIA:** They know each other. They're lying to you.
- DANNA:** Security!
- NEIL:** Yes! Security! Throw her out!
- CLAUDIA:** No! Listen to me guys, they had a plan all along. They wanted to get followers for Neil.
- DANNA:** She's a liar.
- CLAUDIA:** Don't fall for it, people. Danna wants Neil to be cast in her TV show.
- NEIL:** Oh, no! She's revealing everything.

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