# **TEACHER**'S GUIDE

# **Didactic** Project







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### 1. JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL

Theatre as a tool to stimulate and encourage students to discover, learn and apply the language they have learned.

The plays present social 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 help to develop communicative functions, vocabulary and grammatical structures. 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 the relevant level by the Ministry of Education.

#### 2. OBJECTIVES

#### **GENERAL:**

- Listening to and understanding messages in a variety of verbal exchanges, using the information transmitted to carry out specific 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 a variety of texts in order to understand them, extracting general and specific information for a pre-established goal.
- Valuing a foreign language as a means of communication and understanding between people with different places of origin, culture and languages.
- Acquiring 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 interest in it.

#### SPECIFIC:

- Fostering an interest in taking part in oral exchanges about routines and situations from daily life in the foreign language.
- Working on language prosody: aspects of phonetics, rhythm, accentuation and intonation.
- Familiarising the student, from the start, with the plot and different characters in the play, in order to facilitate comprehension of the performance at the theatre.
- Developing two communicative functions per level, providing students with the syntactic, grammatical, lexical and phonetic knowledge that makes up those functions, in order to help students grasp them.
- The four basic skills that each reader needs to develop 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 60 minute sessions. The idea behind this is for the worksheets to be integrated into the class routine, reinforcing or applying previous knowledge or introducing new but simple content for a specific level.

#### Structure of Material:

The objective of the first, second and third sessions is to give the students the necessary preparation in order for them to be able to watch the play without any comprehension problems on the day of the performance.

The fourth session will focus on expression. After having seen the play, the students will be allowed to express their opinions on the performance (comparing the actual ending with the ending they had previously imagined; comparing the behaviour of the actors with their own).



The sessions are structured as follows:

### **BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE**

3º & 4º PRIM		OBJECTIVE	SKILL
SESSION 1	Activity 1	Familiarisation with the plot	R.C. O.E.
	Activity 2	Familiarisation with the characters.	R.C.
	Activity 3	Understanding the play	R.C. O.E.
SESSION 2	Activity 1	Listening to a song	L.C.
	Activity 2	Vocabulary	R.C.
	Activity 3	Testing knowledge	R.C. W.E
SESSION 3	Activity 1	Discriminating sound	L.C.
	Activity 2	Describing opinions	W.E. O. E. R.C.
	Activity 3	Synonyms	R. C. W.E.



### AFTER THE PERFORMANCE

3º&4ª PRIM.		OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCIES
SESSION 4	Activity 1	Talking about the play	O.E.
	Activity 2	Writing opinions	W.E
	Activity 3	Listening to a song	L.C.



#### **SELECTED APPROACH:**

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 entertaining, visual and communication-based. Indeed, on these worksheets we can find many activities presented in the form of games, which also provide moments of fun in class. Finally, all sessions require the students to express themselves, with activities focusing on situations from daily life, or even role play. As such, our goal is to offer activities as an alternative to the classroom routine and to make learning a second language more appealing. All of this work is presented as project of the utmost interest: watching a play in a foreign language.

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Before starting on the worksheets and the activities proposed therein, the students must have the play 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 (song, CD, worksheets) is available on the following website: www.recursosweb.com

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: Listening Comprehension, Reading Comprehension, Written Expression and Oral Expression.

These skills serve to work on a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and phonetic aspects, in order to develop a series of communicative functions that we consider key to understand the play. This practice will also help to apply them in 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 plot to the storyline and characters, 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 will be met at the theatre.



Before	SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS
	Activity 2: The Characters
3	There are three main characters in the play: Charlie, Mary and Rob <b>Read</b> the following three descriptions of the characters. Using the following information you must try to match the descriptions to the characters.
	Is 15 years old. Is charming, proactive, brave and firmly believes that the project will succeed. Has a special relationship with Rob.
	Who is it?
	Is the same age as the others. He's always getting into trouble.His friends will have to rescue him.
	Who is it? <u>Charlie</u>
	He is in love with a girl and wants to confess his feelings to her. They both share the same dream job.
	Who is it?









Before	SESSION 2: UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY
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F	Activity 3: Find the missing person!
	Rob is lost in time. Mary and Charlie will ask the audience if anyone has seen their friend.
	magine you are a detective who is looking for a missing person. You are nterviewing family and friends. Complete the questions below.
	a.) What <u>colour hair does he have</u> ?
	He has brown hair. b.) Does he have short hair ?
	Yes, he has short hair.
	c.) Is <u>he fat</u> ?
	No, he is thin
	d.) How <u>old is he</u> ?
	He is between 20 and 30 years old.
	e.) Does <u>he have a beard</u> ?
	No, he doesn't have a beard.
	even look at the photographs of the four suspects in the identity parade and se the information you have to find out who the missing person is.
Who is	the missing person? Person 1



# **SESSION 3: THE ENDING**

#### Activity 1: Stop! Space Police



Before

Read the scene where Charlie travels through time (Scene 3).



Choose the correct answers.

- 1. Where does Charlie travel through time?
  - a. into the past
  - b. into the present
  - c. into the future

2. What first impresses Charlie about the future?

#### a. the skycrapers

- b. the neon light
- c. the humanoid robots

3. What does Charlie think about the future ?

- a. It's scary
- b. It's scary and weird
- c. It's scary, weird but funny
- 4. What do humanoid robots of the future think of the name Charlie?
  - a. It's an interesting name
  - b. They hadn't heard it before.
  - c. It's an old fashioned name

5. What does Charlie think of the humanoid robots?

#### a. They look like idiots

- **b.** They are friendly
- c. He needs time to judge them







Before

### TIME TRAVEL



SHAKESPEARE:	(7) Anyways (IN ANY CASE). Two youngsters who love each other against all odds.
	What is your name boy?
Rob:	My name is Rob
SHAKESPEARE:	You're gonna be Romeo. Sounds good. And you?
MARY:	My name is Juliet.
SHAKESPEARE:	Oh! Romeo and Juliet! Sounds really, really good. I think it could be a great play.
Rob:	It will be, for sure.
SHAKESPEARE:	Bye guys, you helped me a lot. I need to write the (8) story (TALE).
MARY:	Did that really happen?
Rob:	I think so, but we need to go to the future. Charlie is waiting for us.
MARY:	Willy!!
SHAKESPEARE:	Yes?
MARY:	Do you want a good (9) advice (TIP) to write your stories?
Rob:	What are you doing?
SHAKESPEARE:	Of course Juliet.
MARY:	To be or not to be, Willy. That is the question.
SHAKESPEARE:	Yes indeed. Thanks a lot guys. You were very (10) helpful (USEFUL).



Now read the dialogue again using the synonyms.

SESSI	ON 4: EXPRE	ESS YOURSELF
Activity	<sup>•</sup> 1: What did yo	ou think?
Now that yo	u have seen the play, let	t's talk about the experience
What was y	our general impressio	on of the play?
l thought it v	vas	<ul> <li>funny</li> <li>exciting</li> <li>boring</li> <li>entertaining</li> <li>clever</li> <li>enjoyable</li> <li>interesting</li> <li>silly</li> </ul>
because		
What did yo	ou like the most?	
	The best part w	vas
	The funniest pa	art was
	The most enter	rtaining part was…
	The meet enior	/able part was…





#### OTHER SHOWS 3RD & 4TH PRIMARY EDUCATION

FESTIVAL DE BREMEN ALICE (In English) LE PETIT PRINC (En Français) LAS AVENTURAS DE TOM SAWYER

## TIME TRAVEL

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How often have you wished you could control time? This is your chance to make that wish come true, in the most hilarious way. Three youngsters travel to the past and must be extremely careful not to change anything because it could spell disaster for the future they came from. A refreshing visual show, adapted to the level of young students and full of recognisable elements and situations for children. We predict the best English lesson of the year.



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