

# Drama games for the FL classroom

Paulino Brener  
City of Lakes Waldorf School  
Minneapolis, MN  
mail@paulino.info  
www.paulino.info

Paulino brings 15 years of experience doing and teaching theatre to the FL classroom. Many drama games will be demonstrated and applied to FL teaching. Also, learn a few tricks of the trade to improve role play and small dramatizations. After all: "All the FL classrooms are a stage, and all FL teachers and students merely players."

- Why use drama in the language classroom?
- Drama-in-education (D.I.E) Vs. Theatre-in-Education (T.I.E)
- Majors techniques in D.I.E: improvisation, role play and frozen image building.
- Movement: walking, breathing, levels, forms.
- Voice: articulation (consonants and vowels). volume: simultaneous dictation
- Characters: body and voice, costumes, mask and half masks.
- Productions:
  - delegate, delegate, delegate!
  - simple, simple, simple!
  - scenery: blackboard/whiteboard, hangings, actors!
  - alternatives: puppets, finger puppets, shadow puppets, socks.
  - use of narrator, Greek chorus and songs.
  - stage vs. performing area, use of space.
  - honoring audience: visibility, audibility and comprehension (voice, visual and story)
  - structure: beginning (introduction of characters), development, conflict, resolution.

Main bibliography:

Dr. L. Athimoolam. 2004. Drama-in-education and its effectiveness in English/Second/Foreign Language classes. [http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/zsn/download/Logan\\_Chennai\\_Conference.pdf](http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/zsn/download/Logan_Chennai_Conference.pdf)

Larry M. Lynch. Add Drama to an EFL Class. <http://www.eslbase.com/articles/drama.asp>

Larry M. Lynch. How To Dramatize Your Foreign Language Teaching and Learning. <http://www.eslbase.com/articles/drama2.asp>

Kerry Boorman. TESOL Articles: Using Drama to Teach English as a Foreign Language. <http://www.tesolcourse.com/tesol-course-articles/drama-teach/article-01-jb.php>

All accessed on [10/02/2008]

For full bibliography, suggested books, more games and resources go to [www.paulino.info](http://www.paulino.info) and click on "educator"