

The Coffee Shop Meeting

A Partnered Scriptwriting Activity

The What:

You and your partner are going to work together to write a short script. The script will be handwritten, so you will need a couple of sheets of paper.

On your shared paper, you will need to write your script in our common format:

Name Tag (centred)

(stage directions) Dialogue (aligned to left)

Setting and common stage directions—begin at the middle of the page.

You will need to create two characters (each of you will write the dialogue for one of the characters). Only these two characters will appear in your script. Each character will need to speak a minimum of 10 times by the end of your script.

Whomever has the shortest hair will take on the role of the first character that speaks. You will then alternate who is speaking as the characters hold a conversation.

Example:

Josey

(Entering from stage left holding a cup of coffee and a muffin) Julian! Sorry I am late, but traffic was horrendous.

Julian

Not a problem, Jo, it just means that I am already on my second cup and that is never a bad thing.

Finally, here is your initial setting for the play:

A small, round table in a nearly deserted coffee shop. There are two chairs around the table. One person is already sitting. The second person will arrive on stage in a moment.

Have fun working together to get this scene completed today.