

3 A Fast-Food Stall



Track 03

A sketch in 1 scene

Roles 7

Runtime Around 5 minutes, depending on production

Set A fast-food stall

Props A table as the counter; if possible napkins of different colours; knives, forks and plates optional: various foods (hot dog, hamburger, fish & chips, onions, ketchup and mustard)

Style A short, simple comedy sketch

Synopsis How trying to get something to eat quickly at a fast-food stall turns out to be a painful experience for three customers – and a delight for three others!

Language level Elementary – A2

Language areas Ordering food at a fast-food place; polite requests; how polite requests can change when people are in a hurry

Vocabulary: fast food

Stage tips Make sure your students differentiate clearly between the urgency expressed by the first three customers and the way the polite but slow assistant serves them. A good way of helping students to be able to do this well on stage (in an almost exaggerated manner) is to write a sentence on the board (e.g. Can I have a hamburger, please?) and prepare prompt cards with words on them (e.g. angry, tired, polite, unfriendly, nervous etc.). Tell students that they should say the sentence (in chorus, or alternatively individually when you point at students) as suggested by the prompt you are holding up each time.

Encourage your students to come up with different character types for the customer roles. They're all in a hurry but one might be a football fan, one a woman (or a man!) with a pushchair and one a very smart city high-flier.

Variations Once students are well familiar with the language used, you can do an improvisation activity. Students act out a part of the sketch, but change the emotional disposition of one or several of the characters in the sketch, (e.g. the customers are extremely friendly, and the assistant is impatient, or even hungry).



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Roles Assistant Customers 1–6

Enter Customer 1.

- CUSTOMER 1** A hamburger, please.
ASSISTANT Right. A hamburger.
CUSTOMER 1 Hurry up, please. I'm hungry.
ASSISTANT Ketchup?
CUSTOMER 1 Yes.
ASSISTANT Onions?
CUSTOMER 1 No.
ASSISTANT No onions?
CUSTOMER 1 No, please hurry up. I'm hungry.
ASSISTANT On a blue plate or a pink one?
CUSTOMER 1 Doesn't matter. *Hurry up!*

The shop assistant slowly presents various napkins.

- ASSISTANT** A red napkin?
CUSTOMER Doesn't matter. Hurry up!
ASSISTANT A green napkin?
CUSTOMER 1 OK, a green napkin. *Please hurry!*

Enter Customer 2. The assistant slowly turns to the second customer.

- CUSTOMER 2** A hot dog, please.
ASSISTANT Right. A hamburger.
CUSTOMER 2 No, not a hamburger. A hot dog.
ASSISTANT OK, a hot dog. Mustard?
CUSTOMER Yes.
ASSISTANT Ketchup?
CUSTOMER No.
ASSISTANT No ketchup?
CUSTOMER No, hurry up. I'm hungry.
ASSISTANT On a blue plate or a pink one?
CUSTOMER Doesn't matter. *Hurry up!*

The assistant presents various napkins.

- ASSISTANT** A red napkin?

CUSTOMER 2 Doesn't matter. Hurry up!

ASSISTANT A green napkin?

CUSTOMER 2 OK, a green napkin. *Please hurry!*

Enter Customer 3.

CUSTOMER 3 Fish and chips, please.

ASSISTANT Right. A hot dog.

CUSTOMER 3 No, I said fish and chips.

ASSISTANT Vinegar?

CUSTOMER 3 Yes.

ASSISTANT Ketchup?

CUSTOMER 3 No.

ASSISTANT No ketchup?

CUSTOMER 3 No! Hurry up, please. I'm hungry.

ASSISTANT On a blue plate or a yellow one?

CUSTOMER 3 Doesn't matter. *Hurry up!*

The assistant slowly presents various napkins.

ASSISTANT A red napkin?

CUSTOMER 3 Doesn't matter. Hurry up!

ASSISTANT A green napkin?

CUSTOMER 3 OK, a green napkin. *Please hurry!*

ASSISTANT OK, a hamburger with ketchup on a pink plate and a green napkin, a hot dog with mustard on a blue plate and a green napkin and fish and chips with vinegar on a yellow plate and a green napkin.

Assistant turns round to prepare the food. The three customers hear him singing to some rock music. They get more and more impatient, and after half a minute they leave, shouting 'I can't believe it!', 'Slow as a snail!', 'Terrible service!' and swearing. The audience can hear loud rock music. Meanwhile Customers 4, 5 and 6 appear. They listen to the music for a while, then they shout:

CUSTOMER 4 A hot dog, please.

CUSTOMER 5 A hamburger please.

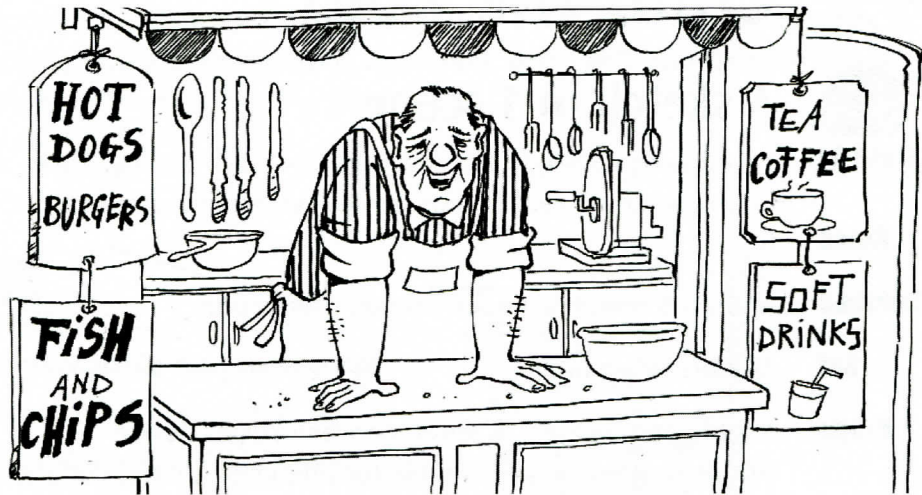
CUSTOMER 6 Fish and chips, please.

Assistant appears with the food after 5 seconds.

ASSISTANT Where are they?

CUSTOMERS 4, 5, 6 Here we are.

ASSISTANT Ah! A hot dog, a hamburger and fish and chips.



Customers take the food and start eating.

CUSTOMER 4 That was quick. Wonderful!

CUSTOMER 5 Great service. Perfect!

CUSTOMER 6 Let's come here again tomorrow. I've never been served so fast!

