



Role Descriptions: Social Interaction

Role Description for P1 (person with dementia):

You are the person with dementia. Your role is to listen to the conversation, answer any questions posed to you, and recall the story at the end, with as many details as possible.

You must wear the headphones with background conversation playing (at a low volume) and simulation glasses so your vision is affected and you cannot see the other participants speaking

You should identify yourself as the person with dementia to your group and let them know your name.

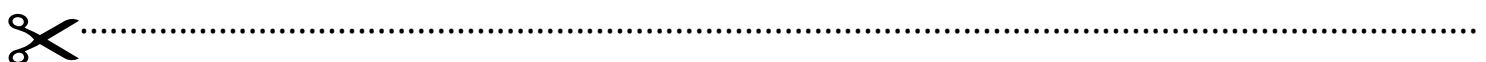


Role Description for P2 (friend of the person with dementia):

You tell the first half of the story.

Try to speak as quickly as possible and do not allow time for the person with dementia to answer any questions you ask, but continue speaking instead.

Introduce yourself to the group and let them know you are a friend of the person with dementia.



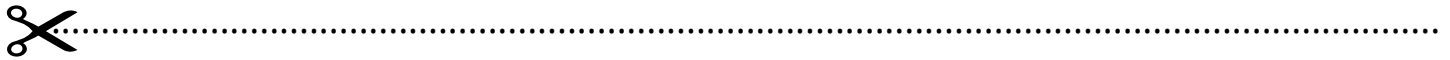


Role Description for P3 (friend of the person with dementia):

You tell the second half of the story.

Try to speak as quickly as possible and do not allow time for the person with dementia to answer any questions you ask, but continue speaking instead.

Introduce yourself to the group and let them know you are a friend of the person with dementia.



Role Description for P4 (observer):

You are an extra participant and will act as an observer.

Feel free to take notes during this exercise and notice how each participant is communicating.

Ask yourself what parts of their communication is helpful or unhelpful?





The scripts may be changed or adapted to suit the needs of participants.

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Sample script for P2:

P2: Yesterday, it was really sunny. We decided to go to the beach and got the train from the city. We went to the beach near Bayside, have you been before "person with dementia's name"?

P3: Oh you definitely have. Remember last year we had a BBQ there for Jack's birthday.

P2: Anyway, when we got there, it was very crowded but we found a nice spot to relax.

P3: Yeah we weren't that far away from the pier where they sell ice cream.

P2: We weren't there for long though...Thirty minutes later there was a change in the weather and the sky became very dark. Did you notice that yesterday "person with dementia's name"?

P3: We thought it would pass but it got worse and started to rain.

P3: We had no rain jackets or umbrellas and got drenched. We were not prepared for the change in weather.

P2: It was so typical that it started raining just when we were just about to eat lunch. Can you believe it "person with dementia's name"? What did you do yesterday?

P3: ...Anyway, next time, we will be more prepared and careful to check the weather forecast.

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