

Drama activities for reading groups

Teach these activities to the class/groups and then students can use them independently

Hot seating

A student takes on the role of one of the characters.
The other students ask questions.

Skits with four words

Select 4 challenging words from a text.
Create a short skit based on the story and use the four words.

Thoughts and questions

A student takes on the role of a character.
The other students ask them to share thoughts and questions.

Act it out

Select part of the text and act it out.

Puppet show

Create a puppet show to retell a story.

Call a friend

One partner is a character from the text.
Call the character and talk about what happened in the story.

Freeze frame

Create a scene from a story.
One student is the curator and asks the characters/objects to talk.

Write a play script

Write a section of a story as a play script and then perform the play.

Performance reading

Choose a section of text.
Practise reading it aloud.
Perform it to your group/class.

Impromptu speech

Group brainstorms topics from a text for impromptu speeches.
Each student takes a turn to present a 30 second speech.