

25. The Class Party

Topic: Students try to plan a class party.

Cast:

NADIA: motherly, bossy

BEN: lazy, uncooperative

EBONEE: full of energy, fun-loving

ZECHARIAH: practical, does not enjoy the process

MILAN: the brain trust of the group

TAYLOR: the second boss with high energy and lots of ideas

BLAIR: bored but can be talked into cooperating

- 1 *(Scene begins with ALL sitting together in a group. NADIA*
- 2 *has a pad and pencil. Others can have school props to play*
- 3 *with: pencils, books, calculators, etc.)*
- 4 **NADIA:** *(Already a little exasperated)* OK, we're supposed to
- 5 be working on this list. Anybody have any suggestions?
- 6 **BEN:** *(Bored)* I don't feel like doing this.
- 7 **EBONEE:** *(Obviously a social butterfly)* Come on, it will be fun.
- 8 We could have a great party if we just put a little
- 9 thought into it.
- 10 **ZECHARIAH:** *(Obviously wishing the session was over)* I wish
- 11 she would just tell us what to bring.
- 12 **TAYLOR:** *(Adding his input)* No, this is more fun. We get to
- 13 decide for ourselves what we're gonna do at the party.
- 14 Isn't that more fun?
- 15 **MILAN:** *(Almost mechanical, like a computer)* The process of
- 16 determining our own supplies and entertainment for our
- 17 festivities would be a very beneficial and rewarding
- 18 activity.
- 19 **BLAIR:** *(Confused by MILAN's big words)* What did he say?
- 20 **BEN:** Is it lunch time yet?
- 21 **NADIA:** *(Trying to bring them back on topic)* Come on, guys,
- 22 we have to get working on this.

- 1 **TAYLOR:** I can bring all my CDs. I have a ton of CDs and my
- 2 music is really cool.
- 3 **ZECHARIAH:** *(Dryly)* Depends on what you mean by *cool*.
- 4 **BEN:** Got any heavy metal?
- 5 **BLAIR:** *(Disgusted)* Ew. Not heavy metal.
- 6 **EBONEE:** Forget about the music. What are we gonna eat?
- 7 **BEN:** Yeah, what are we gonna eat?
- 8 **ZECHARIAH:** Can't we just order pizza?
- 9 **TAYLOR:** We get pizza every Friday. Can't we think of
- 10 something different?
- 11 **MILAN:** We might take this opportunity to explore different
- 12 dietary options.
- 13 **EBONEE:** *(Confused)* When you start talking like that I don't
- 14 understand a bit of what you're saying.
- 15 **BLAIR:** He said we should try something different.
- 16 **BEN:** He did?
- 17 **TAYLOR:** I don't like different. I like pizza.
- 18 **NADIA:** And I like salsa music, but I don't think you'd go for
- 19 that, would you?
- 20 **ZECHARIAH:** What in the world is *salsa*?
- 21 **TAYLOR:** My music collection is great. We should listen to
- 22 my CDs.
- 23 **BEN:** *(Suddenly inspired)* Fried chicken.
- 24 **NADIA:** What?
- 25 **BEN:** We should eat fried chicken.
- 26 **BLAIR:** *(Disgusted)* That's full of bad trans fats. I don't eat
- 27 that garbage.
- 28 **BEN:** I *live* on that garbage. It's good!
- 29 **NADIA:** We could get salad with the pizzas.
- 30 **TAYLOR:** *(Appalled)* Salad? What kind of party is this,
- 31 anyway?
- 32 **EBONEE:** Any party that has salad can no longer be called
- 33 a party.
- 34 **MILAN:** If we supplement the more unhealthy food choices
- 35 with vegetables or other healthy alternatives, it could

1 counteract the negative effects of the less healthy
2 selections.
3 EBONEE: Is he speaking English?
4 NADIA: Come on, guys, we're never gonna get this done.
5 TAYLOR: And then the teacher will plan the whole thing for
6 us.
7 ZECHARIAH: *(Inspired)* That was my plan from the start! We
8 could have saved all this trouble!
9 BLAIR: Trouble? You think planning a party is trouble?
10 BEN: With you guys it is.
11 EBONEE: All this talking about food is making me hungry.
12 BEN: Is it lunchtime?
13 MILAN: There are still twelve minutes and forty-one seconds
14 left before lunch.
15 TAYLOR: We didn't even talk about decorations yet.
16 BEN: This is really sounding like a girly party.
17 BLAIR: Why? Because we want decorations?
18 NADIA: I give up.
19 ZECHARIAH: You all wake me up when you've decided what
20 you're doing. *(Closes his eyes and leans back.)*
21 BEN: Yeah, me too.
22 BLAIR: *(Suddenly bored)* This party does sound pretty lame.
23 TAYLOR: Of course it does! We haven't decided on one thing
24 yet!
25 NADIA: Come on, Taylor, let's do it ourselves.
26 BLAIR: Wait a minute! What about Ebonee and me?
27 TAYLOR: *(Sadly)* Looks like girls outnumber boys again.
28 BEN: *(Satisfied)* Just the way I planned it.
29 ZECHARIAH: Yeah. Let the girls and Taylor do the work. We
30 can show up — that will be our part. *(Everyone exits*
31 *except MILAN.)*
32 MILAN: Sometimes when dealing with inferior personalities,
33 it doesn't pay to be too logical.

26. Do You Believe?

Topic: Twelve-year-olds discuss the age-old mystery of Santa Claus.

Cast:

RONI: a little hard-edged, worldly

TERRY: old for her age, world-wise

LONI: the last kid her age to learn the "truth"

1 *(Scene begins as ACTORS are sitting around on a sofa, or*
2 *playing video games.)*
3 RONI: Hey, Terry, what are your parents getting you for
4 Christmas?
5 TERRY: I asked for a computer and TV for my room. I'll
6 probably get clothes and junk I didn't ask for.
7 LONI: *(Sincerely)* What about Santa Claus?
8 TERRY: *(Clearly not having heard correctly)* Huh?
9 LONI: Well, did you ask Santa Claus for anything?
10 RONI: *(A little concerned)* Are you feeling OK, Loni?
11 LONI: Sure. Why?
12 RONI: Did you say "ask Santa Claus"?
13 LONI: Yes, of course.
14 TERRY: *(Suspiciously)* Did you ask Santa Claus for anything,
15 Loni?
16 LONI: Absolutely. I always ask for things and I get what I
17 want. Within reason, of course.
18 TERRY: *(Beginning to become worried about her friend)* Let me
19 get this straight. You actually go to the mall and sit on
20 that guy with the beard's lap and read from your goody
21 list?
22 LONI: Of course not.
23 RONI: Thank heavens.
24 LONI: *(Reasonably)* I write him a letter.
25 TERRY: *(Appalled)* You've got to be kidding.