

1º & 2º SECONDARY EDUCATION STAGE

Be cool!



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SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS

Activity 1: The Synopsis



Read the synopsis of **BE COOL!**

Take a look! Here is a glossary of words to help you:

WHOLEHEARTED: without any doubts

FAN: someone who admires and supports a famous person etc.

ECCENTRIC: someone who behaves in a strange and unusual way

BECOME TO BE : to begin to be something

PRIZE: award

TO WIN: to get a prize in a game or competition

FAR FROM: not near.

FULFIL THE DREAM: obtain what you desire.

UPSET: unhappy or worried because something unpleasant has happened

STAND BY: to continue to support someone when they are in a difficult situation

Charlie, Carol and Dick are wholehearted fans of the eccentric pop artist Lady Lo-Ro. The three of them take part in a Tv Contest in which the prize was a trip to New York, a ticket for the next concert that the artist will offer in the city and a vip pass that will give them the opportunity to meet her.

Carol and Dick become to be the winners and Charlie, far from resigning himself not to going to the concert with Carol, plans to steal Dick's ticket.

After several tries, Charlie succeeds deceiving his mates and steals their tickets. Carol will have to decide between going to the concert with Charlie, fulfil the dream of meeting Lady Lo-Ro in person and leaving the poor Dick alone and upset, or forget about the concert and stand by Dick. Finally decides to abandon Dick and Charlie and goes to the concert alone where he will meet his idol. How will the meeting between Charlie and Lady Lo-Ro go?...



SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS



Take a look! Put the words in the correct order. And then put the phrases in order following the story.

1. The / concert / Charlie / to / invites / Carol

2. TV contest / Dick, Charlie and Carol/ take part/ in /

3. Dick and Carol/ winners /are / the /

4. introduced / are / Charlie / Lady Lo-Ro / and

5. That / tickets / Dick and Carol / lost / believe / they / have / the

6. angry / is / Charlie / very

7. by /Carol / stands / Dick

8. them / tickets / the / Charlie / steals / to

9. New York /Charlie, Carol and Dick / fly / to

ORDER: _____



SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS

Activity 2: The Characters



Take a look! Read the Scene 1 and Scene 2. What are your conclusions about the characters? Write at least three adjectives defining each character following your first impressions.

DICK:

CAROL:

CHARLIE:

LADY LO-RO:



Answer the following questions about the characters :

If you were an actor which role would you like to play? Why?

What did you think about the characters in the story? Complete these sentences with your opinions.

1. I thought _____ was the most interesting character, because

2. _____ was the most interesting character, because _____

3. I felt sorry about _____, because _____

4. Are you a real fan? Describe a celebrity that you admire. Explain the qualities you most like of her/him?



SESSION 1: SYNOPSIS AND CHARACTERS

Activity 3: Making plans



Listen to TRACK 3 (Scene 3) of BE COOL! What do you think they are doing in this extract?



In pairs, choose one of the following options and explain what would you do to achieve it.

- To get an autograph from your favourite artist.
- To get a table in an expensive restaurant
- To tell a friend an unpleasant news that will affect him/her.
- To get a job in a strange city
- To organise a surprise party to your brother.



SESSION 2: UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY

Activity 1: must / have to



Listen to TRACK 1 (Scene 1).

Hello! My name is Charlie. I'm eighteen years old and I live in Luton, which is a small town near London.

Do you know that I love Lady Lo-Ro? She is my favourite pop star. Have you ever heard her song Be Cool? That's a hit!!! I think this is the best song that anyone ever written.

Well, one day I was at home watching TV. I was really bored, I remember. Suddenly, I saw an advertisement on TV.

A new TV contest called How much do you know about Lady Lo-Ro?

Wow!! I knew everything about her. I couldn't believe it. I had to enter the contest!!

The prize was a trip to New York and a ticket for her last concert of the season!!

I promised myself I would win the contest and I almost did. I got to the finals of the contest but...

Come with me and I will tell you my story.



Explain what does Charlie means when he says : *I had to enter the contest!!*



Complete the following table:

FORM	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
MUST	Must	Must not/mustn't
Example.		
HAVE TO	Have to	Don't have to
Example.		



SESSION 2: UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY

Activity 2: Asking questions



Read the Scene 3 and answer the following questions:

1. How does Charlie buy the ticket to New York?
 - asking money for their parents
 - stealing the flying tickets to Dick and Carol
 - spending his savings
2. How does Charlie dress like to deceive Carol and Dick?
 - like stewardess and nurse
 - like stewardess and police
 - like nurse and police
3. ¿How does Carol describe the thief?
 - is as tall as the policeman
 - is not as tall as the policeman
 - is the same height as the policeman
4. What is the policeman asking Carol and Dick for?
 - their passports
 - their tickets
 - their bags
5. Why does Carol feel sick?
 - she has a cold
 - she has a headache
 - she is frightened of flying
6. Why does the policeman want to know if Carol thought that the thief was handsome or not?
 - he needs a description to catch him
 - the policeman and the thief are same person
 - the policeman is interested in the answer



SESSION 2: UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY

Activity 3: Song Be Cool !



Listen to TRACK 13, the song in Scene 3 “*Be Cool*” and fill the gaps below



BE COOL

If you're worried or uncertain
If your feelings are hurt
Be your best friend tonight
Keep things light

Keep your worries out of sight
play it cool tonight
Play it cool, just be cool, don't be shy

Just be cool!
Playing like a fool
Just be cool!
Walking on the moon

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Be your best friend tonight
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Keep your worries out of sight
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In pairs, practise the following questions:

- What does it mean to be cool?
- How is a cool person?
- Do you know anyone cool?
- Would you like to be cool?



SESSION 3: THE ENDING

Activity 1: Present perfect



Read the following sentences in past simple from Scene 2 and put them in present perfect.

I pressed my buzzer before you.

It wasn't before.

They were asking for real animals.

I didn't say that. It was Charlie.

That was so fake.



Explain which is your favourite TV contest and what does it consist in.



SESSION 3: THE ENDING



Activity 2: Towards The End

Listen to TRACKS 11 (Scene 4) and fill the gaps.

- CAROL:** Come on!! Get the tickets out! We've arrived!
- DICK:** Yes! Oh No!! The tickets are gone!!
- CAROL:** What are you saying?
- DICK:** I put them in this pocket.
- CAROL:** Are you sure?
- DICK:** Completely sure.
- CAROL:** Is this a joke? Have a look in the other pocket!!
- DICK:** No, we've lost them.
- CAROL:** Did you say we? I didn't lose anything! It's your fault!
- DICK:** Carol please! Don't be unfair to me!
- CAROL:** How could you lose the tickets? You knew this was really important for me!
- DICK:** They were here! I'm sure!
- CHARLIE:** Oh Dick! You're such an irresponsible person!
- CAROL:** Lady Lo-Ro! I won't meet her.
- CHARLIE:** Carol!! I've got a little surprise for you!
- CAROL:** What?
- CHARLIE:** Look!! This is what I bought on E-bay! Two tickets!
- CAROL:** COh!
- DICK:** Why did you buy two tickets?
- CHARLIE:** Oh! The reason... Well.
- CAROL:** Yes? You were coming on your own!
- DICK:** You paid one hundred pounds for two tickets?
- CAROL:** Not in your dreams.
- CHARLIE:** Yes!!
- CAROL:** Confess!!!
- CHARLIE:** Oh! I have to find an excuse.
- DICK:** Come on!! We are waiting for an explanation.
- DICK:** Mmm...
- CHARLIE:** I just bought them! I promise.
- CAROL:** Ok! We trust you!
- CHARLIE:** Ufff!! Carol you know I'd love to go to the concert with you...
- CAROL:** CThat would be so cool! I accept.
- DICK:** Oh!
- CAROL:** I'm so sorry Dick!
- DICK:** You can go if you want! I'll wait for you around here!
- CAROL:** Try to understand!! It's my dream! I've never been so close to her!
- DICK:** Yes, I know.
- CHARLIE:** Come on Carol!! We are late.
- CAROL:** Dick!
- DICK:** Don't worry Carol.
- CAROL:** Should I go? Should I stay?



SESSION 3: THE ENDING

Activity 3: Reported Speech



Listen to TRACK 15 (Scene 5). Lady Lo-Ro and Charlie do not speak directly.



Transform the following sentences into reported speech.

Lady Lo-Ro said to the bodyguard: "Keep him away!"

Charlie asked the bodyguard : Has she got a disease?

Charlie said to Lady Lo-Ro: I don't know what to say !

Lady Lo-Ro said to the bodyguard: Don't let him get close to me!

Charlie said to Lady Lo-Ro: I'm so sorry if I have offended you!



In pairs, hold a conversation using reported speech.



SESSION 4: Express Yourself!

Activity 1: The End of the Play And Your Impressions



Now you have seen BE COOL!! Was it how you imagined it to be? Compare the real thing with what you imagined the play to be.

Look back at Activity 2 in Session 3 when you acted out scenes from the play in groups. Which version did you prefer - your performance or the actors' performance in the play?

I prefer my ending / the real ending / my interpretation of the characters / the actor's interpretation because.....

..it was...

..more (+)...

- *original*
- *entertaining*
- *boring*
- *interesting*
- *dynamic*
- *emotive*
- *creative*
- *realistic*



SESSION 4: Express Yourself!

Activity 3: Role Plays



Here there are three extracts from the play. Choose one to act out in groups.

Extract One (Track 5):

CHARLIE: *Hey! Here they are. She looks sick! Yes! I have an idea! (He dresses as a nurse) How do I look? That's perfect!! Hello!! Are you Ok? Is anything wrong here?*

CAROL: *No, we are fine thanks!! I just wanted to sit down because I feel sick and I wanted to rest a while.*

CHARLIE: *I knew that!*

DICK: *What do you mean?*

CHARLIE: *Well, I am a nurse!*

CAROL: *I see.*

CHARLIE: *And I knew you needed my help!!*

CAROL: *That's very kind of you but I...*

CHARLIE: *Oh!! Your face is so white...*

DICK: *What a weirdo.*

CHARLIE: *Please!! Do as I say and you will get better.*

CAROL: *But...*

CHARLIE: *And you will have a nice flight. Trust me.*

DICK: *Do it!! Let's try to get rid of him as soon as we can.*

CHARLIE: *Oh!! That's so rude! I'm just trying to help! Be polite.*

DICK: *Don't stick your nose in other people's business.*

CAROL: *Ok!! I'll do whatever you suggest.*

CHARLIE: *Lie on this bench down here, and I need something for you to...*

CAROL: *For me to what?*

CHARLIE: *Yes!! Your bag!! Can I have your bag for her head to rest on?*

DICK: *My bag?*

CAROL: *I want him to go!! Please give him your bag!*

CHARLIE: *Ok...!! Now breathe!!*

DICK: *That's crazy!*

CHARLIE: *Breathe out!!*

SESSION 4: Express Yourself!



Extract Two (Track 7):

CHARLIE: *(Charlie appears dressed as a policeman)* Hello guys! What can I do for you?
DICK: There was a thief around here.
CHARLIE: A thief!!
CAROL: Yes!! He was about eighteen. Tall, dark hair, brown eyes and dressed as a nurse.
DICK: He wasn't that tall!!
CAROL: Well, he was taller than me.
DICK: Is that tall!! Honey bunch, I am tall, you're short.
CAROL: I am not short!! How dare you?
CHARLIE: Ok. Was he tall or not?
CAROL: He was as tall as you, more or less.
CHARLIE: Was he attractive?
DICK: I don't know.
CHARLIE: I'm asking her...
CAROL: Well. Yes, I think he was cute.
DICK: Is this important?
CHARLIE: Yes I want to know her opinion.
CAROL: Yes, he had a lovely face, I think.
CHARLIE: Oh!!
DICK: Sir, the thief is going to escape if you continue flirting.
CHARLIE: Ok! Did he steal anything from you?
DICK: No, fortunately I realised that he was a thief!
CHARLIE: You're both very clever. May I see your passports please?

SESSION 4: Express Yourself!



Extract Three (Track 15):

BODYGUARD: *You have to meet a fan!*
LADY LO-RO: *Again? I hate fans!*
BODYGUARD: *We will be quick with this one!*
BODYGUARD: *He's a boy from London! Here he is!*
Charlie.
Lady Lo-Ro!!!
LADY LO-RO: *Don't let him to get close to me! I'm allergic!*
CHARLIE: *Oh!! This is a dream come true for me!!*
LADY LO-RO: *For me too!*
CHARLIE: *Lady Lo-Ro...*
BODYGUARD: *Well.*
LADY LO-RO: *Oh! Did you come from London to say nothing?*
CHARLIE: *Sorry! I am shy! I don't know what to say!*
LADY LO-RO: *Oh!! That makes me feel sleepy! Oh!! Keep him away!*
BODYGUARD: *Sorry boy! You cannot get too close to Lady Lo-Ro.*
CHARLIE: *But why?*
BODYGUARD: *Let me ask her! Excuse me Lady! Why don't you want him to approach you?*
LADY LO-RO: *I am Lady Lo-Ro! I cannot be touched by anyone! I am too cool!*
CHARLIE: *She's not in her right mind!*
BODYGUARD: *She said she cannot be touched!*
CHARLIE: *Has she got a disease?*
BODYGUARD: *Do you have a disease?*
LADY LO-RO: *What? Doesn't he know who I am?*
CHARLIE: *Oh! Finally she's coming closer!*

OTHER SHOWS

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A Christmas Carol (In English)

The Canterville Ghost (In English)

Entremeses

Tres sombreros de copa

Les Misérables (En Français)

Be cool!

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Charlie, Carol and Dick are mad fans of Lady Lo-Ro, the most sensational singer of all time. They want to dress like her, do their hair like her, talk like her, and be as cool as her. Now they've got the chance to travel to New York and meet her, but they only have two tickets. What will happen? An entangled comedy, perfect for your students to practise their English to the beat of the music.


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