



Guidelines for Writing Your Skit

1. The skit should be approximately 10 minutes long.
2. It should include a variety of characters, each of which should represent a specific role and act out typical activities that would occur on the island.
3. When developing each character, think about the following issues:
 - a) How would he/she talk?
 - b) What is the character's job or role in society?
 - c) How would he/she relate to others?
 - d) Are there any specific customs or roles that the character would follow (i.e., shaking hands, bowing, behaving differently when interacting with members of a different age group or gender, etc.)?
 - e) How would the character's role in society affect his or her physical appearance and/or behavior?
 - f) How old is your character? How does his/her age affect physical movement?
4. Your script should include a short setting description and, where appropriate, stage directions.
5. The script should be realistic, but engaging and entertaining to the audience.
6. You may wish to appoint a director to oversee the rehearsal process.

Ideas to Help Focus Your Skit

1. Have your skit take place on a special day; for example, a holiday that is unique or important to inhabitants of the island.
2. Focus the script on a day in the life of one or two "lead characters" and show how they interact with other members of the society.
3. Explore a day in a certain season that is important on your island (i.e., harvesting season, tourist season, etc.).
4. Set the skit on a day of extreme weather and have characters react to it (i.e., an oncoming hurricane, a heat wave, a rainy season, a snowstorm, etc.).