

Marx Brothers' Mirror Scene

Materials/Resources:

The famous *Mirror Scene* from the Marx Brothers' movie, *Duck Soup*, is an excellent and funny resource for demonstrating an activity that requires the same interaction. This lesson is a lot of fun and is particularly effective for students with pragmatic delays. For this activity, students practice observational skills and mimicry of physical movement, gestures, and facial expressions.

Website link:

[Marx Brothers' Mirror Scene](#)

Skills Targeted:

- *Sustained attention
- *Pragmatics (Facial Expressions & Body Language)
- *Peer Collaboration
- *Visual/Motor Coordination & Timing

Instruction:

1. For this activity, video tape the student skits for review and discussion.
2. Have students view the video clip of the *Marx Brothers' Mirror Scene*. Discuss the movements and facial expressions used in that scene. Replay the video clip as needed to reinforce the technique and mimicry.
3. Have students practice imitating each other's facial expressions, gestures, and movements.
4. Pair students and instruct them to develop and rehearse a skit similar to the *Mirror Scene*.
5. Video tape the student skits for discussion. Have students identify body language used.