

# DIFFERENT BUT THE SAME

## A play

### INTRODUCTION

This is the play that the Spanish school Bernat el Ferrer prepared to perform in Gdansk with our French, German and Poland partners.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE STAGING

#### THE NARRATIONS

The narrator can be located on the side of the stage. He needs a hand microphone.

#### SCENERY AND PROPERTIES

We tried to use properties made out of everyday materials: a ladder, four chairs, cardboard boxes, black cardboard, black curtains, and black backcloth.

The possibility of playing music before, during and after the play is important.

#### LIGHTING PROCEDURES

We will need black light as footlights and stage uppers. And on narrator a white spotlight.

### CAST OF CHARACTERS (In order of appearance)

1. Narrator
2. German Mouth
3. Exclamation Mark 1
4. Question Mark 1
5. French Mouth
6. Polish Mouth
7. Spanish Mouth
8. Exclamation Mark 2
9. Question Mark 2
10. Exclamation Mark 3
11. Question Mark 3
12. Exclamation Mark 4
13. Question Mark 4
14. Pair of stars 1
15. Pair of stars 2
16. Pair of stars 3
17. Pair of stars 4
18. Pair of stars 5
19. Pair of stars 6

## SYNOPSIS OF THE SCENES

SCENE I: Mouths introductions

SCENE II: A problem appears

SCENE III: Looking for a solution

SCENE IV: Toward the solution

THE END

### SCENE I

*Is dark*

**Narrator** (*enters in front of curtain and a spotlight on Narrator*): WE WERE A LOT... AND VERY DIFFERENT!!!

**German Mouth**: Guten Tag! Wie geht's es Ihnen? Ich bin Deutsche.

**Exclamation Mark 1** (*appears and moves itself and disappears*)

**Question Mark 1** (*appears and moves itself and disappears*)

**French Mouth**: Bon jour ! Ça va ? Je suis Français.

**Exclamation Mark 1** (*appears and moves itself and disappears*)

**Question Mark 1** (*appears and moves itself and disappears*)

**Polish Mouth**: Dzień dobry! Jak się miewasz? I 'm Polski.

**Exclamation Mark 1** (*appears and moves itself and disappears*)

**Question Mark 1** (*appears and moves itself and disappears*)

**Spanish Mouth**: ¡Buenos Días! ¿Cómo estáis? Yo soy española.

**Exclamation Mark 1** (*appears and moves itself*)

**Question Mark 1** (*appears and moves itself*)

**Narrator**: We were a lot... (*Pause*) but nobody understood anybody!

**Exclamation Mark 2** (*appears and moves itself*)

**Question Mark 2** (*appears and moves itself*)

**Exclamation Mark 3** (*appears and moves itself*)

**Question Mark 3** (*appears and moves itself*)

**Exclamation Mark 4** (*appears and moves itself*)

**Question Mark 4** (*appears and moves itself*)

*Light goes out.*

## **SCENE II**

*Is dark*

**Narrator** (*enters in front of curtain and a spotlight on Narrator*): Time went by and nobody did anything to understand each other.

*It starts hearing a German conversation sounds*

**German Mouth:** (*appears in a corner*)

*It starts hearing a French conversation sounds*

**French Mouth:** (*appears in another corner*)

*It starts hearing a Polish conversation sounds*

**Polish Mouth:** (*appears in another corner*)

*It starts hearing a Spanish conversation sounds*

**Spanish Mouth:** (*appears in another corner*)

*(The four mouths speak at the same time and the sound increases)*

*Lights off and voices mute.*

## **SCENE III**

**Narrator** (*enters in front of curtain and a spotlight on Narrator*): They were actually very concerned. But they really didn't know what to do!

*(It is dark and a sad music sounds)*

**German, French, Polish and Spanish Mouths:** (*appear one by one in a sad position*)

**Narrator:** They realized that something had to change. But what?

**Question Mark 1**(*appears*)

**Question Mark 2**(*appears*)

**Question Mark 3**(*appears*)

**Question Mark 4**(*appears*)

*Music mutes and lights go out slowly.*

## SCENE IV

**Narrator:** Time went by. They have worked a lot together. Many things have changed. A new time starts.

*(Music changes into a happier one)*

**Pair of stars 1** *(appears and a bell sounds)*

**Pair of stars 2** *(appears and two bell sound)*

**Pair of stars 3** *(appears and three bell sound)*

**Pair of stars 4** *(appears and four bell sound)*

**Pair of stars 5** *(appears and five bell sound)*

**Pair of stars 6** *(appears and six bell sound)*

**All the stars** *(move around the whole stage)*

**All the stars** *(they make a vertical circle and the European hymn starts)*

*(Mouths appear in the happy position and stand around the star circle)*

**Narrator:** And... they started to know each other.

And... they became friends.

And... they learned that THEY HAD TO KEEP WORKING HARD TOGETHER in order to have a better future.

And... they realized that they were... DIFFERENT BUT THE SAME.

## THE END