

[[Rosetta.new].do].ppt

[part XIII of the ongoing **TASK** series]

Ryan Carraher (2020)

- Can be performed by any groups ranging in size from 2-4 individuals
- Email ryan@ryancarraher.com with any questions
- Instructions

Pre-Performance

- (1) Work together to create a new language following the instructions of **ROSETTA.new!** [which is part IX of this same *TASK* series];
- (2) Come up with (or identify) a joke;
- (3) Translate this joke from its original language into your created language;
- (4) Familiarize yourself with the mechanics of your language;
- (5) Prepare a lesson plan (a PowerPoint, lecture, handouts, props, laser pointers, images, etc.) of a lecture communicating the basics of your language;

The Performance

- (6) Your GOAL as a group is to teach the basics of your new language to the audience so that when you tell your joke they will understand it and (hopefully) laugh;
 - *This is the only thing that can be communicated to the audience!*
 - Steps (6) and (7) can be paraphrased and printed as program notes, projected on to the screen, explained by the performers prior to the performance, etc.
 - Informing the audience of your goal is *optional*. In some situations, it may be best to simply begin your task with the audience none the wiser;
- (7) The CATCH is that you MAY NOT use any other verbal or written means of communication other than your crafted language (i.e. no English, German, French, Spanish, ASL, etc.);
- (8) You MAY use generic physical gestures, images, sounds, videos, theatrical proceedings, puppets, props, etc. but (again) no language other than the one you created should be presented in any form what-so-ever;
- (9) The performance is over when:
 - (a) You tell your joke and the audience laughs;
 - (b) You tell your joke and the audience has no response;
 - (c) You run out of lecture/presentation material, or;
 - (d) You believe that, in spite of your valiant efforts and to no fault of their own, the audience will not be able to grasp the language at this point in time.

¹ <https://www.ryancarraher.com/task>