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## Theatre in English at school

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## learning English through theater performing arts- from Isabelle Venier, LP Le Dolmen

## Descriptif:

For about ten years now, a theater company, Pickles, has been coming to Le Dolmen to play for and with students, some volunteers performing small roles in the play.

Theatre in English at school: another way to "English learning", by Pickles Company-EITC.

On December 8th, 2022, 135 students at **Le Dolmen Vocational High School** in Poitiers welcomed 3 actors : Dante (from Canada), Jane (from New Zealand) and Katie (from the USA) for **a one-hour show**.

For about ten years now, the **company** has come to our **school** to **play for and with our students** – ie 6 to 7 **volunteer students performing small roles in the play**. It's usually the occasion for a whole « séquence » so that the students get familiar with the story, the places, the characters and the vocabulary.



For all our "Premières", we chose the "Senior Play" entitled "Crossroads"...

"Fate or coincidence? Right or left? Yin or Yang? What part do we really have in the things that happen to us?" If Mel had arrived 5 seconds later, he would have never met Sinead, he might have met someone else or maybe he would have met nobody. If he hadn't mixed up the day of his interview, he could have...

Are we really free from our destiny? Isn't it essential to find happiness and bring happiness to people around us? That's already a big task!"

The **company** makes it easy for **teachers** to help their **students** anticipate **the show** thanks to a classroom pack and teachers' notes. The **show** is adapted to English learners through **rehearsals**, **interaction**, **slow speaking**, **songs**, **music and comedy**.

And the **magic** operates! Even the most reluctant students get out of the one-hour show with a large smile on their faces. Fun has helped so much! Such a nice reward! A great way indeed to **learn English differently** and most of all of **have fun... speaking English**.

We are already looking forward to next year's show.

Why not trying and experiencing acting with the company's workshops?

https://www.picklescompany.com/



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