Interpreting Nonverbal Communication

This is a silent role play. You are to act it out without the use of words. You will need to pantomime all of the props. To make the scenes realistic and to try to be understood you will need to greatly exaggerate your gestures. For each scene one of you will be acting and one observing. Following each scenario the observing student is supposed to write their interpretations of the scene without talking to their partner. In the end each of you will have performed three separate scenes and will have three interpretations of your partners chosen scenarios. Note: it is not necessary that you complete every scene in this list.

A bank customer attempts to withdraw money from a bank, and is informed by the teller he/she is overdrawn

Two people are having a friendly conversation, when one notices their date at the door, makes excuses and leaves.

A supervisor listens to a subordinate’s suggestion for solving a problem. After listening, the supervisor agrees with the idea and leaves.

A pet owner is told by a vet that their pet is too sick to be treated and must be put down.

Two friends engage in a heated political debate. At one point one holds up a hand to the other and walks away.

A police officer gives directions to a tourist.

A coworker is confronted about spreading gossip

A subordinate is called into a supervisor’s office and is informed of a promotion.