General information

1. Form groups of three students and decide who is who:

- the ten-year-old **Lucas**
- Lucas' mum **Isabelle**
- the shop assistant[1] **Stella**

2. Read your role cards. Ask your group members or your teacher if you have trouble understanding your role description.

3. Act out the sketch.

1 shop assistant = Verkäufer/in

Your role: Lucas

Read the card and act out your role.

Who *is in the sketch?*   Lucas, his mum Isabelle and the shop assistant Stella

Where *is it?*   At a clothing store

What *happens?*

- You shop clothes with your mum.
- You see a hoodie with a bloody skull[1] on it and you really like it.
- When your mum tells you that only disturbed[2] people wear hoodies with bloody skulls you get angry and want to get back at[3] her.
- You use the moment when your mum gets her wallet[4] from the car: You tell the shop assistant that you've been kidnapped by that woman who claims to be your mum.
- You tell the shop assistant that you want to be saved and ask her to call the police.
- When your mum is back at the store, the shop assistant calls you "disturbed" for telling such a lie.
- You tell your mum that she can buy you the hoodie now because you're obviously disturbed.

1 skull = Totenschädel
2 disturbed = gestört
3 to get back at sb. = sich an jdm. rächen
4 wallet = Portemonnaie

Your role: Isabelle

Read the card and act out your role.

Who *is in the sketch?*   Lucas, his mum Isabelle and the shop assistant Stella

Where *is it?*   At a clothing store

What *happens?*

- You shop clothes with your son Lucas. He needs shirts and socks.
- Lucas wants to have a hoodie with a bloody skull[1] on it.
- You find the hoodie awful and tell Lucas that only disturbed[2] people like clothes like this.
- When you want to pay for Lucas' clothes, you realize that you've left your wallet[3] in the car.
- You tell Lucas and the shop assistant to wait for two minutes.
- You quickly get your wallet from the car.
- When you come back, the shop assistant asks you if Lucas really is your son and if you have kidnapped him.
- You get angry with Lucas for telling that woman such a nonsense only because he wants to get back at[4] you.
- You shout at him.

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Your role: The shop assistant Stella

Read the card and act out your role.

Who *is in the sketch?*   Lucas, his mum Isabelle and the shop assistant Stella

Where *is it?*   At a clothing store

What *happens?*

- You work at a clothing store. You are a friendly and motivated shop assistant.
- A mother and her son want to pay for their clothes when the woman realizes that she's left her wallet[1] in her car. She asks you to wait for two minutes. The boy stays with you.
- When he tells you that the woman isn't his mother and that he has been kidnapped, you are shocked. You don't call the police and don't know what to do.
- As soon as the woman returns, you ask her if she really is the mother of the boy.
- You get angry when the mother tells you that her son did this to get back at[2] her.
- You tell the kid that only disturbed[3] people would tell horrible lies like that.

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3. What if ...?

Imagine Stella believes Lucas' lie and calls the police. How could the sketch end in this case? Write it down.

You can start like this:

Lucas: (whispers) Ma'am, you have to help me.
Stella: Excuse me?
Lucas: Call the police. Now! It's an emergency.
Stella: Why would I do that? What's wrong?
Lucas: That woman! She's not my mother.
Stella: (shocked) She's not?
Lucas: (looks around) She kidnapped me. My name is Gilroy. That woman is a cold-blooded criminal.
Stella: Alright. I'm calling 911. (dials a number with her phone). Hello? Is this the police? This is Stella Shetland. I want to report a kidnapping. You have to come immediately.
Lucas: ...

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4. What can small talk be about?

Have you ever lied to someone because you wanted to have something or wanted something to happen? Would you do it again?

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