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D.T.

PLAYPACKS 23-24

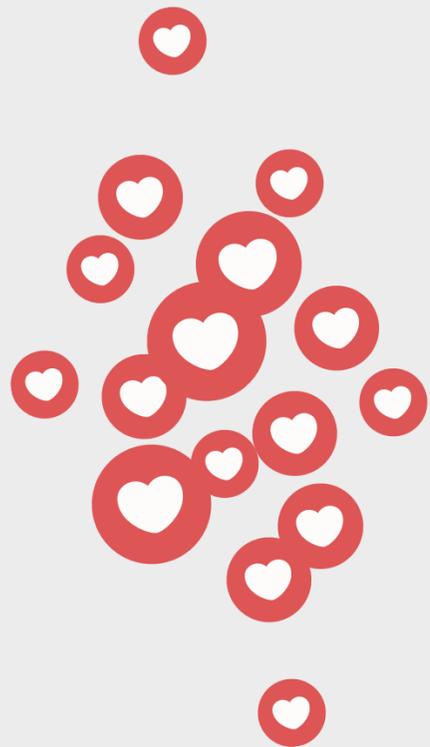


Playpacks

We provide a series of activities all related to the play to prepare your students to actively see it.

They are all, hopefully, helpful but are not absolutely essential to understand and follow the play. If you are short of time, we'd recommend doing the first two activities with your students before seeing the performance which focusses them on what the play is about and who is in it without giving away the story.

The majority of the other activities can be done either before or after.
Our suggestions are clearly marked.



Transcript



D. T. is the story of Elliot, a bright, shy schoolboy who does well at school. He likes English, especially literature, and History most; but he is best at maths and sciences and he is thinking of becoming an engineer.

He has a couple of really good friends, Harry and Sophia, who he has known all his life it seems: since primary school. Harry is the opposite of Elliot; funny, good at sports, liked by everyone, good at socialising. And Sophia confuses Elliot more and more these days. He's beginning to think about her differently, feel different things: which she doesn't notice at all.

Why would she?" Elliot thinks. "If only I were a little taller, a little stronger, a bit better at sports; like Harry, better with people, know what to say to someone the first time you meet them. Have a better smile"

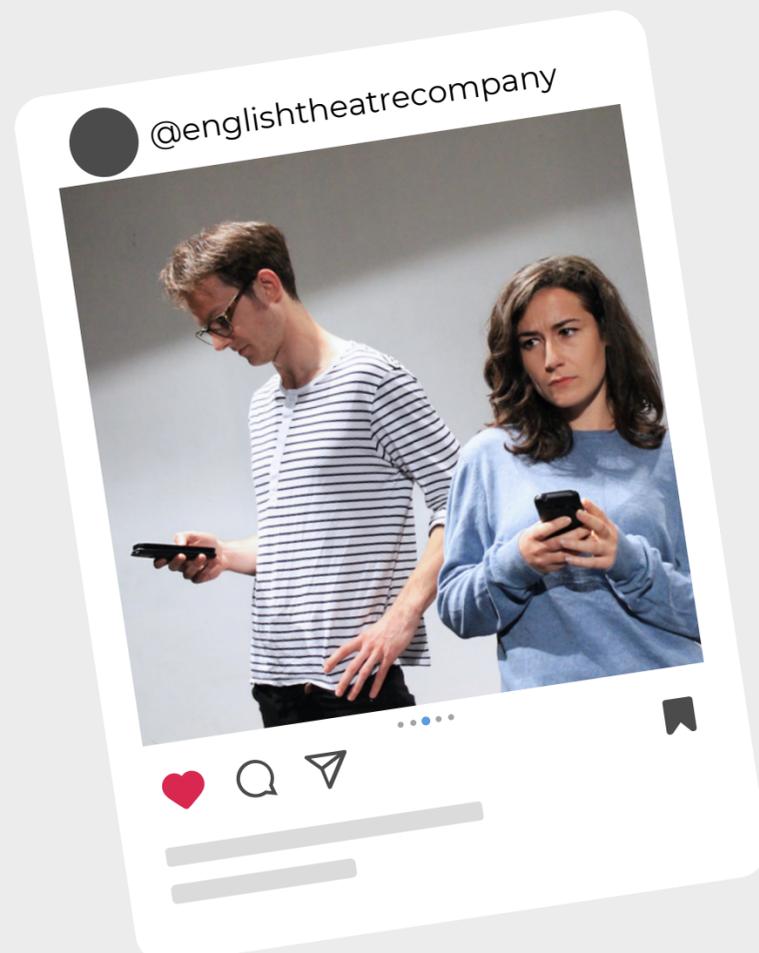
Be careful what you wish for, right? Elliot answers a simple questionnaire he gets on his phone.

Just one click; and two mysterious strangers appear: who offer him the perfect solution: a free virtual digital twin that can do all the boring, tiring, difficult things he has to do as well as improving Elliot in any way he would like.

Now what can possibly go wrong with that?

EXERCISE 01

Listen to and/or read the text and answer these questions as best you can.



1. How many things do you know about Elliot?

2. Who are Harry and Sophia? What do you know about them?

3. Explain “a simple questionnaire.”

4. What words are missing in this?

*“If only I were a little , a little ,
a bit at sports”.*

5. Why is Elliot confused by Sophia?

6. What do the “two mysterious strangers” give Elliot?

7. What do you think is going to happen?

EXERCISE 03

What about you?

How would you like to be different?

What would you like to change about yourself?

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EXERCISE 04



Which of the following sentences do you agree with?

Which are the most important? Which is the least important?

Add three more sentences if you can.

I'd like to be less shy with other people.

I'd like to be less shy with people I find attractive

I'd like to be more confident in myself.

I'd like to be able to work better.

I'd like to be able to concentrate more.

I'd like to get better marks at school.

I'd like to take more risks.

I'd like to be more ambitious.

I'd like to be more dominant with other people.

I'd like to be able to listen to other people better.

I'd like to be kinder.

I'd like to...

EXERCISE 05

Which do you think are the most important human qualities of this list?

Which would most attract a romantic partner?

Put them in order.

You can add any other qualities you think are important.



- Wears fashionable clothes
- Is funny
- My friends like them
- Is attractive physically
- Can show me new things e.g. hobbies, sports
- Likes the same things as me e.g. music, sports
- Has money
- Is kind
- Likes my friends
- Is good at school and can help me with my homework
- My parents like them
- Is intelligent
- Is a good dancer
- Is popular at school
- Has got nice hair/eyes
- Is good at sports

EXERCISE 06

Elliot's fantasies are just wishes. What about you? Make...



✨ One wish about **school**

✨ One wish about **yourself**

✨ One wish about your **family**

✨ One wish about **the person sitting next to you**

✨ One wish about **your teacher**

✨ One wish **for this evening**

✨ One wish **for the weekend**

✨ One wish about **anything you like**

EXERCISE 07

Future fantasies!

If you could choose three of those, which three would you choose?

Why?

Is there anything you think is missing from the list?



- being very attractive
- having lots of money
- having a job you really like
- having so much money you don't need to work
- becoming famous - singer/actor/writer/scientist/doctor etc
- doing something heroic
- having a happy marriage
- meeting the perfect partner
- having a large family
- living in a great house



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