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For the teacher:

1. Learners work in pairs and act out the 10 scenes. They add fitting details to bring the scenes to life.
2. For each sentence-pair one group of volunteers acts out ONE of the two scenes. The class has to decide which of the two sentences they are acting out.