

Jump into the Role of an Expert

1. Be an expert on information from a book you are reading. For example, if you are reading a book about killer whales, you may choose to take on the role of a marine biologist or a researcher.

Tip: You can even 'Jump into the Role of an Expert' when you are reading a fiction book. For example, you could play the part of a detective and share some clues about a mystery story you're reading or you could take the role of a veterinarian and talk about the medical problems of a dog in a book.

2. On the BLM, list the characteristics of the role you are playing and jot down some 'expert notes' on the topic you will address.
3. Introduce yourself to the class or a small group by giving some background information about your expert role, e.g., "As a marine biologist I research the sea and its life forms. My main area of study is whales."
4. Get into your role and share some 'expert information' on your topic with the group.
5. Encourage your classmates to ask questions.
6. Share the title of the book with your classmates.

Tip: Try to stay in character the whole time. Some props may help, e.g., binoculars for a marine biologist or a magnifying glass for a detective.

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Text: _____

Author: _____

My expert role:

Characteristics of my role:

My topic:

Notes on 'expert information' to share with my classmates: