

10 Rules for Good Improvisation

1. Don't block the scene. Accept the ideas of others, whatever they may be.
2. Respond positively and quickly to whatever is said to you by others. Go along with what they say.
3. Always keep the focus of the scene clear; avoid split-focus.
3. Don't try to be better than those in your group; work with them.
4. Don't deliberately try to make a joke out of everything. Improvisation should be fun and often is funny but don't make fun the goal of what you do.
6. Don't waffle. Avoid saying things just for the sake of saying them.
7. When in doubt about where to take a scene, break the routine, do something different to what the audience expects.
8. Don't wimp. Be bold. Have a go.
9. Whoever tries to be clever is not; s/he that is clever doesn't try.
10. When things are not working in a scene, don't worry, because it's not the outcome that matters, it's the doing.