

Some ideas for play areas

<i>Play Scene</i>	<i>Roles/Characters</i>	<i>Example Scenario</i>	<i>Resources Needed</i>
School	Teacher, students, principal, parent helpers	The teacher of the classroom wants to get all of the children to draw a picture of a family but first they must read a book (great opportunity to use a class focus book for the week for children to practise reading) to the students and then help them with their work and then mark the work.	blackboard/whiteboard, chairs, pencils and paper, books, a small mat for 3 or 4 children to fit on, clipboard with paper for "teacher", stickers (or sticky labels to draw their own stickers)
Hospital	Doctors, nurses, patients, ambulance officers, visitors, receptionist	An ambulance officer calls the hospital. A child has been hit by a car on the road and will be coming to the hospital. The doctors and nurses must get ready for the operation. The child's Mum and Dad are very upset and worried in the waiting room. The doctors and nurses must do the operation and then talk to the Mum and Dad about what happened.	Medical equipment - either real or toys (stethoscopes, thermometer, bandages, syringe, tongue depressors etc.), bed or bench to lay patients on, curtain for examination area, chairs and magazines in the 'waiting room', phone for receptionist
Exploration	Explorer, animals, scientists.	A scientist and friends read in the newspaper that there is a strange new animal living in the bush near their homes. They are going to explore and find the animal. If they can get a photo of the animal they will be famous and have their photos on papers across the world.	Trees (branches or cardboard cut outs), stuffed animals, tape recorder to play jungle sounds, cardboard cutout jeep, backpack, camera, newspaper article (for scenario listed)

Public Transport	Bus driver, passengers	The bus is on its usual route and at one of the stops, a passenger is on crutches and cannot climb the stairs by themselves, so the bus driver or a passenger will need to help them get onto the bus and then back off again at their stop.	Seats in rows, driver's seat, steering wheel, gears, bus stop sign, tickets, play money, bell to announce passengers want to get off, bus timetable
Eating Out	Chef, waiters, waitresses, customers, receptionist	A customer goes to the restaurant and orders a meal but when the meal arrives at their table they are not happy with it because it is cold. They need to ask the waiters for another meal - what should they say to the waiter? Should they get crabby and yell or should they be polite? What is the best solution?	Trees (branches or cardboard cut outs), stuffed animals, tape recorder to play jungle sounds, cardboard cutout jeep, backpack, camera, newspaper article (for scenario listed)
Shopping	Shop owner Shop worker customers	Provide a range of cards with lists of shopping items that customers must try and collect all of before going to the cash register. The cards can have a focus on pictures to match words, just words for reading, or for money.	Shop items (food boxes, plastic foods, bottles, and containers), cash register, play money, shopping lists, shopping.