



Workplace Literacy

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Twizzlers: Restaurants consider alternatives to the plastic straw

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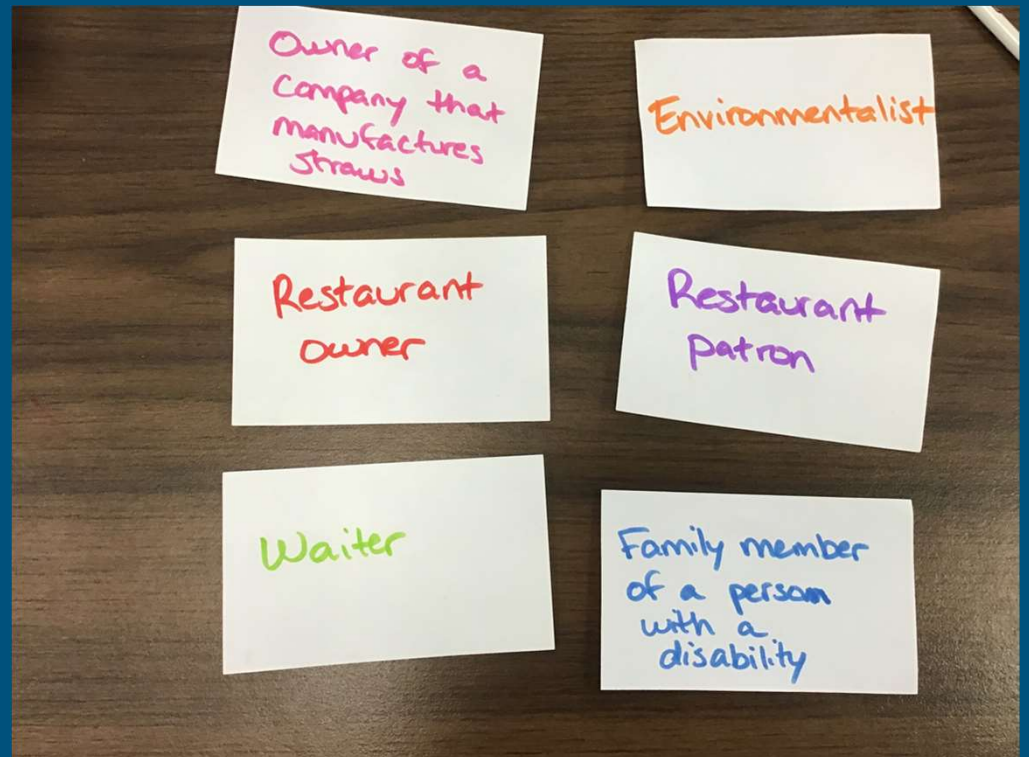
Bangladeshi men arrange wet plastic straws to dry under the sun before sending the materials to a recycling factory at Bostla on the outskirts of Dhaka in this July 25, 2007, photo. Bangladesh achieved close to a 100 percent recycling rate for its plastic waste, and thus appears to have one of the most efficient plastics recycling systems in the world, driven by the economic necessity which is associated with poverty, a report said. Photo by: Farjana K. Godhuly/AFP/Getty Images

Order a drink at Mama's Fish House in Maui, and it'll arrive topped with a black paper straw. At South Africa's Conscious 108, you'll likely get a straw made of steel.

And at Harlem Public, waiters hand out Twizzlers, with their tips cut off, for sipping certain drinks.

The best part? When they're done slurping up their cocktails, "close to 100 percent" of customers eat the Twizzler-turned-straw, says owner Lauren Lynch. In other words: zero waste.

As local governments mull restrictions on plastic straws, restaurants and bars around the world are toying with new ways to replace a piece of plastic that has become a ubiquitous part of dining out, whether at a fast-food drive-through or a Michelin-starred restaurant.



Role: Write down your assigned role. What other sub roles might you play (ex. A teacher can also be a mother, father, etc.)

Owner of a company that manufactures straws

Rights: What are your rights? What are you allowed to do? What are you not allowed to do?

I can make straws but I cant break any laws

Responsibilities: What are your responsibilities? What is expected of you?

I am ether expected to make straws or stop making straws

Now, read the article in your group. As you read, use context clues to identify any unfamiliar words.

Then, as a group:

1) Determine the **topic** of your article. Remember this should be short; not a complete sentence. **Straws**

2) Determine the **main idea** of the article. Remember that this should tell us who or what the article is about.

Alternatives to plastic straws

3) Give three **supporting details** from the text that support your main idea.

i) Resterounts and bars around the world are toying with new ways to replace a piece of plastic

ii) Waiters hand out Twirlers with there tips cut off for sipping certain drinks

iii) Remember plastic straws are bad for the environment

OWN YOUR ROLE! Assuming the role you were assigned, answer the following:

4) In one-two complete sentences, write your reaction to the article. How did it make you feel, considering your role?

It made me feel like business might not go well pretty soon. Good thing I'm rich and can retire early.

mother, father, etc.)

My assigned topic is environmentalist. An environmentalist is where they really care for the environment. They are very good people that do good with their life.

Rights: What are your rights? What are you allowed to do? What are you not allowed to do?

An environmentalist is allowed to keep the environment clean. He cannot just order a million straws and dump them in the ocean.

Responsibilities: What are your responsibilities? What is expected of you?

An environmentalist is allowed to clean the environment. He is expected clean the oceans and pickup trash on the ground if there is any. The world would be a better. Place if everyone did what they were supposed to do.

Now, read the article in your group. As you read, use context clues to identify any unfamiliar words.

Then, as a group:

1) Determine the **topic** of your article. Remember this should be short; not a complete sentence. **Plastic and paper straws.**

2) Determine the **main idea** of the article. Remember that this should tell us who or what the article is about. **The article was about how paper straws are more expensive than Plastic straws. Also paper straws are biodegradable and plastic straws takes a long If everyone would buy paper straws it would make the world a better place.**

3) Give three **supporting details** from the text that support your main idea.

i) Plastic straws are washing up at the shore of beaches

ii) Americans throw away 500 million straws a day.

iii) Paper straws are biodegradable

OWN YOUR ROLE! Assuming the role you were assigned, answer the following:

4) In one-two complete sentences, write your reaction to the article. How did it make you feel, considering your role?

My reaction was mind blowing because 500 million straws are thrown out by Americans a day! That is crazy to even think about. Me as an environmentalist I have to try and clean all of that up!

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CRAAP Elevator Pitch

Scenario: You will be speaking to a group of three classmates, and your goal is to convince them that your article is credible.

<u>Component:</u>	<u>What you will say:</u>
Opening: Begin by immediately introducing your article. (10-15 seconds)	
Background/Explanation: Briefly explain the CRAAP model and how you know your article is credible. (30-40 seconds)	
Closing: Wrap up your thoughts with a final closing statement that explains what you hope your audience learned from this speech. (10-15 seconds)	

Things to keep in mind:

- Don't forget the skills we've practiced: eye contact, gestures, and vocal variety.
- Speaking of practicing: Well, you should. An elevator speech is all about imagining that you have one minute to persuade your audience. Practice and add or subtract until you have what you need.

Elevator Pitch

Scenario: Convince your focus group leader (peer leader) to approve your final project idea. **Use the template below to prepare: this is DUE Friday; no exceptions or extensions.**

This should be as brief as possible; 1-3 minutes total. Imagine you've got a limited window to propose your project and get right to the point.

Opening: Introduce your project idea right away.	
Background Explain how you arrived at this idea and what inspired it.	
Explanation Explain how you will create your project and what resources you will need.	
Need Why should your peer leader approve your project?	
Closing Wrap up your ideas in a very brief closing statement.	