

YES, AND CAN

IT...?

One of the first rules of improv (and idea generation in general) is to build off of the ideas of others. This often involves the very simple phrase "Yes, and..." This phrase signals that you heard or understand what has been said so far and that you are contributing to the conversation. Phrases such as "No, but..." on the other hand essentially negate everything that has been said or suggested before and suggests your idea is superior.

The strategy "Yes, and can it..." is a fun way to generate new and interesting ideas that build off of one another.

DIRECTIONS:

In small groups, have a student begin by describing one thing that could be a part of a potential solution to the driving question.

Afterward, another student should follow-up with another idea that builds off of the first idea by completing the phrase "Yes, and can it..."

As the group builds off of one another, have someone record the chain of ideas for future reference.

