

Great First Lines

To help students practice writing dialogue, start them off with a first line. Instruct students to write a one page, two character, one location scene using one of these lines as their first. Sometimes the first line is the hardest to think of, take that pressure away!

1. Is there something you want to tell me?
2. Do we really have to go to that party?
3. I'm not sure about that shirt.
4. No, no, no, no, no.
5. She is dead.
6. I'm telling you, you're wrong - it's a red circle.
7. I hate Mondays.
8. And that's when the lights went off.
9. Shelia, will you go with me to the.... (*starts to cough*)
10. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7....do I really have to go all the way to 10?
11. You can't make me drink that juice.
12. Whoa you are not happy today, are you.
13. This is it, our last day.
14. There is no way, no possible way, no way in a million, zillion years, that he likes me.
15. I need to ask you a favour?
16. Dad, you're not thinking of driving anywhere today, are you?
17. How could you wear that today?
18. I think I have to break up with Sarah.
19. What do you mean you broke up with Sarah this weekend?
20. So dude, you're not with Sarah anymore right?
21. She said what?
22. Why would I have a flamingo?
23. All right, everybody wake up, your star has arrived!
24. Stop pacing, you're making me nervous.
25. Did you hear about Sammy?
26. It's not going to work.
27. So....um.... hi..... there.....
28. Don't talk to me, don't you dare say one word.
29. I think that waiter is giving us the evil eye.
30. I can't believe he took me to see *Bucket of Blood Two*.
31. That was the worst movie I have ever seen.
32. That was the best movie ever!
33. My parents are ruining my life.
34. What do you mean you're getting divorced.
35. I can't wait to get out of here next week.
36. I can't believe I have to go.