

Indian Whispers & Free Writing

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NLN 101 Language & Writing Skills-2

1 Watch Jane Elliot's social experiment

Watch the 7 minute video of a social experiment conducted by third-grade teacher Jane Elliot in her classroom. Watch the video **thrice**.

2 We play Indian whispers!

Next, we will play Indian Whispers. The aim of the game is to collectively describe what happens in the social experiment shown in the video. The rules of the game are as follows.

1. The first person makes one sentence describing the first thing that happens in the video. The second person describes **the following thing** that happens. Everyone may only supply one sentence.
2. The person speaking must **be loud!**
3. After a considerable part of the experiment has been described, I will summarise the happenings reported till that point, following which the game will continue till the end.
4. Participants (including me!) must use words that connect sentences describing a sequential process. These are words/groups of words like 'after this/that', 'following this/that', 'so', 'consequently', 'as a consequence/result' a.o.
5. **Optional step (to be executed individually): Write down the key words and phrases that are used during the course of the game.**

3 Free-write about the video

You will now embark on a process of **free writing**. Based on what you have watched and what you have heard and said in Indian Whispers, write down in **not less than 500 words** what happens in the video.

- Brainstorm, but use **full sentences** and **paragraphs** to do this.
- Write without stopping.
- DO write down everything you can think about the video.
- DO NOT worry about correct grammar and spelling.
- DO feel free to occasionally use a word from your native language if you can't think of the English word, but do not overdo this.

Retain this piece of writing. We will use it in the next class.