

## Reader's Theatre: Helping Mrs. Jones\*

Roberto: Hey, Analiz, what's the matter? You look angry.

Analiz: That Mrs. Jones, she just gets on my last nerve!

Roberto: Why, what happened?

Analiz: Well, she was in the lunch room. She finished eating and she wanted me to take her back to her room.

Roberto: Yes, so what was the problem? That's part of your job, right, to help the residents?

Analiz: I was just finishing my own meal, but I told her I would help her.

Roberto: Okay, so what did you say?

Analiz: I said, "I'll be right there in a moment."

Roberto: Just like that? With that tone and that expression on your face/

Analiz: Yeah. What's wrong with that?

Roberto: Never mind. And then what happened?

Analiz: She told me to forget it. She would get somebody else who really wanted to help her. What was her

problem, anyway? I told her I would help her!

Roberto: You need to reread our textbook on verbal and nonverbal communication...

### ***Instructions***

*Using this reading on non-verbal and verbal communication, in groups of 2-3, finish this Reader's Theater by extending the dialogue between these or other characters. Then, assign the roles to your group members and perform your Reader's Theater for your colleagues.*

### ***Group Debrief***

*How does this activity make the text more accessible to readers? How might you use this activity in your classroom?*

\*Dialogue suggested by reading "Developing Effective Interpersonal Communication," in Hedman, S., Fuzy, J., & Rymer, S. (2010). *Nursing assistant care: Long term care*. Albuquerque, NM: Hartman Publishing. p. 34.

## Reader's Theatre Script

Adapted from: *Worker Rights Story* General Construction-Worker Rights, Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center.

**Mr. King:** Daniel, I want you to be flagman today for the construction project.

**Daniel:** Okay, Mr. King. I need a safety vest like you.

**Mr. King:** Oh. Don't worry Daniel, you will be alright. You just need this flag to direct traffic.

**Dump Truck:** ZOOM

**Daniel:** Well, I don't know. The trucks are going very fast. Maybe they will not see me.

**Mr. King:** Don't worry. They will see you.

**Truck Driver:** Hey, you with the flag, watch out. I almost ran you over.