

ELENA'S STORY

SCENE: Sandwich shop. Elena is a 15-year-old high school student. Mr. Johnson is her supervisor, and Joe is one of her co-workers. It is Thursday evening.

Mr. Johnson: Elena, Andre just called in sick, so I need you to work extra hours. I'd like you to stay until 10 tonight.

Elena: But Mr. Johnson, I have a test tomorrow, and I need to get home to study.

Mr. Johnson: I'm really sorry, but this is an emergency. If you want to work here you have to be willing to pitch in when we need you.

Elena: But I've never done Andre's job before.

Mr. Johnson: Here's what I want you to do. First, go behind the counter and take sandwich orders for a while. Ask Joe to show you how to use the meat slicer. Then, when it gets quiet, go mop the floor in the supply closet. Some of the cleaning supplies have spilled, and it's a real mess.

Later: Elena gets the mop and goes to the supply closet.

Elena: Hey, Joe! Do you know what this stuff is that spilled on the floor?

Joe: No idea. Just be careful not to get it on your hands. You really should wear gloves if you can find any. Andre got a rash from that stuff last week.

DEVELOPING YOUR ROLE PLAY

1. Discuss with the class what laws are being violated here.
2. Work in your small group to come up with a different ending to the story. Choose one problem in the story to focus on. Think about these three questions:
 - How should Elena approach her supervisor about these problems?
 - What are the different ways her supervisor might respond?
 - Where else could Elena get help?
3. Practice role playing your ending with your group. You will perform for the class later.