***Plays on Words*** Introduction

What are these? Are they Mad-libs? Reader’s Theater? Fluency practice? Vocabulary Instruction? Yes, yes, yes, yes! *Plays on Words* is an innovative way to teach vocabulary using short skits that allow students to use the target word repeatedly with collocates (words that are frequently paired with the target word). Not only are they using the word, but they are embodying the definition by acting out the scene. Furthermore, by having students personalize these vignettes they are relating the vocabulary to their own lives and thus, making more connections.