



Sociology Virtual Learning

High School/Lesson 24

Roles

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Objective/Learning Target: The student will identify how status and roles are related to social structure.

Warm Up

Remember, a **status** is position a person occupies in a group. Think about your status as a student.

Write down all of the things that are expected of you as a student.

Warm Up (Possible Answers/Discussion)

Your list may look something like this:

- Attend class
- Be on time to school
- Study
- Answer questions
- Complete work
- Ask for help
- Attend tutoring
- Read materials
- Complete homework
- Collaborate with classmates



These expected behaviors tied to a particular status are called **roles**.

Warm Up

People interact according to prescribed roles. These roles carry certain rights and obligations. Sometimes conflict or strain occurs when an individual has too many roles to play.



Barrett

"No, Hoskins, you're not going to do it just because I'm telling you to do it. You're going to do it because you believe in it."

.....
Hoskins is being forced to follow roles whether he wants to or not. Are such cues ever sent your way?

Essential Vocabulary:

Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary words and refer back to them as needed:

Status- a position a person occupies within a group

Essential Vocabulary:

Role- expected behavior associated with a particular status

Right- a behavior that individuals can expect from others

Obligation- a behavior that individuals are expected to perform toward others

Essential Vocabulary:

Role Performance- the actual behavior of an individual in a role.

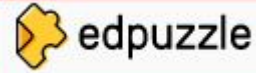
Social Interaction- the process of influencing each other as people relate

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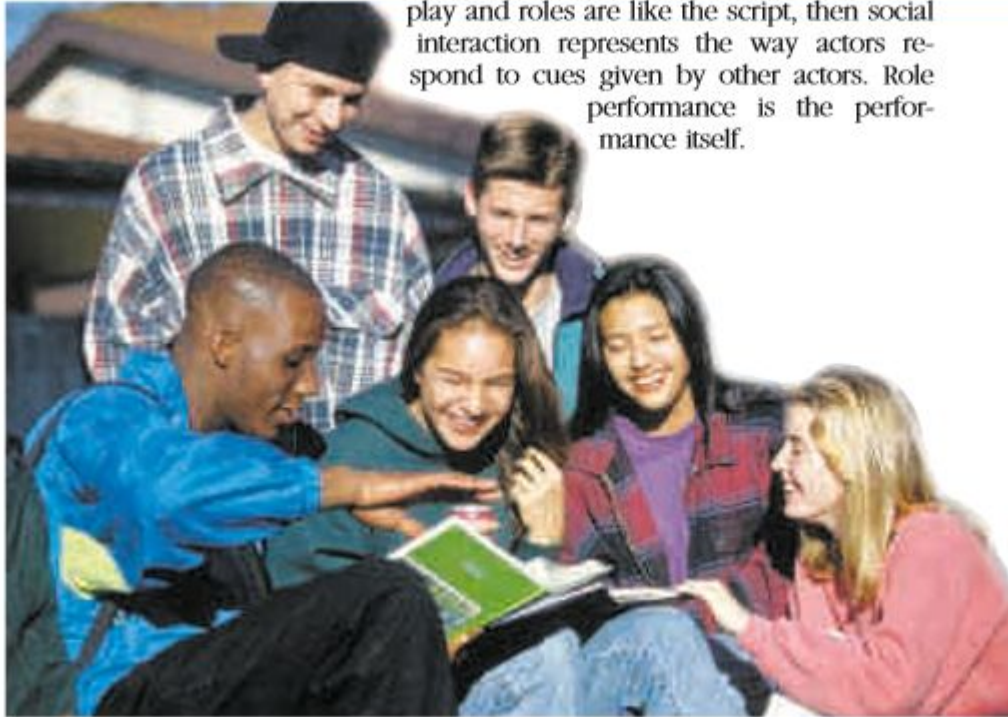
Role Conflict- condition in which the performance of a role in one status interferes with the performance of a role in another status

Role Strain- condition in which the roles of a single status are inconsistent or conflicting

Lesson/Activity:



Click on this link to complete and receive feedback on an [Edpuzzle](#) activity about roles in sociology.



play and roles are like the script, then social interaction represents the way actors respond to cues given by other actors. Role performance is the performance itself.

These students each have particular roles and statuses within their group.

Practice- Match each situation with the key term it illustrates (a-e):

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| 1. A married couple discuss the disciplining of one of their children. | A. Role |
| 2. A father is expected to take care of his children. | B. Role Conflict |
| 3. A businesswoman has no time for her children. | C. Role Performance |
| 4. A school principal hands out diplomas at a graduation. | D. Role Strain |
| 5. A CEO is economically forced to terminate employees who are her friends. | E. Social Interaction |

Practice- Answer Key:

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Reflection:

Are you presently experiencing role conflict or role strain? If you are, analyze the source and read this article that explains some ways to help you deal with role conflict or strain.

[*How to Deal with Role Conflict & Strain*](#)

Additional Resource:

[Role Strain & Role Conflict \(quick video explanation\)](#)