

## TWO ROOMMATES

Oscar



This is Oscar Madison. He is broke, divorced, and messy.

Felix



This is Felix Ungar. He annoys Oscar with his cleaning and cooking.

## FOUR FRIENDS

Murray



This is Murray. He is a police officer. He plays poker.

Vinnie



This is Vinnie. He vacations with his wife. He plays poker.

Speed



This is Speed. He is very impatient. He plays poker.

Roy



This is Roy. He is Oscar's accountant. He plays poker.

## TWO SISTERS

Gwendolyn Pigeon



This is Gwendolyn Pigeon. She is a widow from England.

Cecily Pigeon



This is Cecily Pigeon. She is a divorcee from England.

# I AM GOING TO SEE:



I am going to see *The Odd Couple* at Hope Summer Repertory Theatre.

*The Odd Couple* is a theatre show. This is different from a television show or a movie because the characters are played by actors who can see and hear me, just as I can see and hear them. Once the play begins, everyone, including me, will sit quietly so we can hear the story.

In this show, two friends, Oscar Madison and Felix Ungar, decide to move in together after breaking up with their wives. They are complete opposites, who annoy each other with their habits.

*The Odd Couple* is a kind of show called a play. That means that the actors will present a story through different "acts" and "scenes". At the end of an act or scene, people around me will clap. This might be loud. If the noise and movements make me anxious, I can use headphones or hold my friend or parent's hand. Sometimes the characters will say or do something funny. It is ok to laugh or clap when I enjoy something.

*The Odd Couple* has three parts called "Acts". Act I and II, scene 1 lasts 1 hour, and Act II, scene 2 and Act III lasts 45 minutes. There is a 15 minute break in the middle called an "intermission" when I can stretch my legs and go to the bathroom. If I need a break before the intermission, a house manager can help me leave the theatre.

Before the start of the show and during the intermission, music will be playing. Before the show begins, the music will fade and the lights will go dark.

There are times the actors will shout or a loud crash will happen, like in Act II when a cup is thrown at the wall. If this makes me anxious, I can use my sensory tools or hold a friend or parent's hand. I will remember that these moments don't last long and that both I and the actors on stage are safe.

At the end of the show, everyone will clap for the actors. I can clap or sign applause to show I enjoyed it. If it is too loud, I can use the headphones in my sensory bag or cover my ears.

I am excited to see *The Odd Couple* at Hope Summer Repertory Theatre!



## ACT I SUMMARY



Loud/Sudden Noise



Clapping



Black Out



Anticipated Loud Laughter



Shouting

Murray, Roy, Speed, and Vinnie are playing poker in Oscar's apartment. Speed mocks how bad Murray shuffles the cards and Vinnie keeps asking about the time. Oscar is in the kitchen gathering snacks and drinks ☹️. The four playing poker are worried about their friend, Felix, who is late. Oscar enters with food and drinks and joins the poker game. Oscar opens a can of beer and it sprays all over the table ☹️. He opens another one and it sprays again ☹️ 😊. After some bickering, they continue trying to play poker. Oscar keeps asking his friends to loan him money, but they refuse until Roy offers some money.

The phone starts to ring 📞) and Oscar picks it up ☹️. It's Oscar's five-year-old son calling from California. He then talks to his ex-wife, who tells him he is late sending her alimony. After hanging up the phone, Roy and the other guys urge Oscar to manage his life better. The phone rings again 📞) and it's Murray's wife calling 😊. After talking with his wife, Murray informs his friends that Felix is missing.

Oscar decides to call Felix's wife, Frances. From his phone call with Frances, Oscar learns that she is divorcing Felix after 12 years of marriage, causing him to leave the house. The friends are worried that Felix might have plans to kill himself.

The doorbell rings 📞) and everyone thinks it's Felix. They agree to act as if they don't know anything 😊. Vinnie opens that door and lets Felix in the apartment. Felix looks around, making the friends nervous. Murray is distracted, and when Speed argues with him, he shouts, "I'll go kill myself" ☹️ and realizes what he has said. Felix looks out the window and the friends jump up ☹️ 😊. Oscar finds an excuse to close the window preventing Felix the possibility of jumping. Felix goes to the bathroom 😊. Everyone is concerned of what Felix will do while in the bathroom alone. Felix comes out of the bathroom and tells the friends he wants to leave. The friends chase Felix around the house ☹️ 😊 until Felix gets a stomach ache. The friends learn that Felix has swallowed a whole bottle of pills ☹️ 😊. When they go to call an ambulance, Felix urges tells them that he's already thrown the pills up.

The friends leave the poker game, and Oscar reassures them that he will take care of Felix. The friends all reenter the apartment separately, telling Oscar they are there if he needs them. Vinnie tells Oscar he will be in Florida if Oscar needs him 😊. Felix talks to Oscar about how hard it must have been to live and deal with him and his allergies 📞) 😊 and obsessive cleaning. Oscar insists that Felix move in with him Felix says he will help out by cleaning and cooking.

Oscar gets a phone call from Frances 📞). Felix panics ☹️ and tells Oscar to tell her he's not here. He then changes his mind and wants to talk to Frances, but she doesn't want to talk to Felix. She only called to ask when Felix was coming to pick up his clothes.

Felix is saddened so Oscar insists that he just go to bed and rest, but Felix tells him he'll only spend ten minutes tidying up to feel more comfortable. 📞) ☹️ The lights come back up and Felix hires some cleaners to come help him tidy up the apartment. 📞) ☹️



## ACT II SUMMARY



Loud/Sudden Noise



Clapping



Black Out



Anticipated Loud Laughter



Shouting

Two weeks have passed and the friends are back in Oscar's apartment, which is now cleaner than ever. As they play poker, Felix comes out of the kitchen with snacks 😊. Felix insists everyone use a coaster 😊. Speed is frustrated that in the last three hours, they have only played four minutes of poker 🤔. Roy complains that he can't breathe because of the purifying machine. Vinnie is amazed at Felix's cooking 😊. Oscar tells them to stop complaining, as he has to deal with this every day 🤔. Speed decides to leave because he has had it with Felix. Felix comes back to finally play some poker, but after finding out that Felix has even cleaned the playing cards 😊, Roy decides to leave. After Roy leaves, Murray and Vinnie go. Oscar gets angry 🤔 as Felix starts to clean up. Oscar blames Felix for making him feel guilty because Felix is cleaning and tidying up all the time 🤔.

Felix gets frustrated with himself and goes to throw a cup at the wall, but stops himself. Oscar asks why Felix didn't throw the cup, and Felix says he doesn't see the logic in breaking things out of anger. With Oscar's encouragement, Felix throws the cup against the wall and it shatters 🗣️ 😊. Felix hurts his arm while throwing the cup 😊. Oscar is annoyed and wonders how he ended up with Felix as a roommate. Felix points out that Oscar is lucky to have a roommate who cooks, cleans, and helps save money.

Oscar says they need to have more fun, and wants to go on a date. Felix says he has no desire to find women, but Oscar urges him to try. Oscar tells him that there are two English girls who live in their building. Felix is reluctant but agrees to a double-date for Oscar's sake. Felix promises that he will try to have fun. Felix insists that he makes dinner at their apartment. Oscar is concerned that Felix would be too busy cooking but Felix says he can plan the meal. He picks up the phone and starts calling Frances for her London broil recipe 😊.💡👏

### INTERMISSION.

It is a few days later and Oscar comes home to see that the living room is set up for the date. He gets dressed as Felix comes out in a sour mood 😊. Felix explains that Oscar is home late, and that the London broil is going to be ruined. The doorbell rings 🗣️ and Oscar answers it. Gwendolyn and Cecily come in 😊. Oscar and the sisters sit close as Felix sits far off awkwardly. Oscar and the girls converse, and Felix tried to join in, but is too awkward 😊. Oscar goes to get the two girls drinks, leaving Felix alone with the sisters.

Felix talks about how horrible divorce is. He tells the sisters how sad he is that he has to be apart from his children, even though he visits them every day, and how good of a mother Frances is. Felix cries, and the sisters realize how sad their divorces has made them. They cry with Felix 🤔 😊.

Oscar enters, shocked that everyone is crying 😊. Oscar tells Felix to check his London broil, which has been overcooked. Felix runs to the kitchen and comes back out with a blackened meat. The sisters suggest a potluck in their apartment. After the sisters leave, Felix tells Oscar that he's not going. Oscar swears that he'll never forgive Felix if he doesn't go 🤔, but Felix refuses. Oscar leaves alone. 💡👏



## ACT III SUMMARY



Loud/Sudden Noise



Clapping



Black Out



Anticipated Loud Laughter



Shouting

It is the evening after the date, and Felix is vacuuming 🗣️). Oscar comes home and begins to mess up the apartment to spite Felix 😊. Felix takes the vacuum into the kitchen, pulling the cord along with it. As Felix goes into the kitchen, Oscar steps on the cord. Felix tugs and tugs, and when he's about to pull for the last time, Oscar steps off the cord causing Felix to fall and crash in the kitchen 🗣️😊).

Felix returns with a plate of food. Oscar enters with an air freshener and sprays it all around Felix 😊. Oscar sprays it on Felix's food 😊. Felix asks how long this will go on. Oscar tells Felix to stay out of his way 🗣️. Felix decides to go into Oscar's room. Oscar warns him to stay out and chases Felix into his room 🗣️. Oscar grabs the plate of food, which Felix tells him is not spaghetti, but linguini 😊 and throws it into the kitchen 🗣️😊). Felix goes to clean it up and Oscar chases after him, telling him not to clean anything 🗣️.

Felix asks Oscar what Felix did to anger Oscar. Oscar tells him he is angry that Felix ruined his night with the Pigeon sisters. Oscar tells him to stay out of his way 🗣️) and goes to his room. Felix asks him to step on the paper on the ground because the floors are wet. Oscar comes back out with a baseball bat and chases Felix 🗣️ 😊. Felix accuses Oscar of being an animal. Oscar goes into Felix's room, brings out a suitcase, and tells Felix to leave 🗣️. Oscar has had it and wants Felix to move out tonight. Felix realizes that Oscar is throwing him out and lets him know that he'll leave as long as Oscar knows that it's on his conscience 🗣️😊). Felix leaves and Oscar, out of frustration, chases after Felix telling him to stay 🗣️) but Felix is gone.

The doorbell rings 🗣️) and Oscar goes to answer it, hoping it's Felix, but it's Murray and Vinnie. They ask Oscar what is wrong with Felix. Speed and Roy arrive and ask the same question. Oscar explains that he kicked him out. The doorbell rings 🗣️) and at first, Oscar tells the friends not to answer it, thinking it is Felix. Vinnie opens the door and Gwendolyn walks in asking for Felix's belongings. She explains that Felix is moving into the the Pigeon sisters' apartment. Felix and Cecily arrive, and the Pigeon sisters insist that Felix stay with them. Felix agrees to stay with them for a few days.

Oscar asks Felix if he is going to thank Oscar for kicking him out. Felix agrees and takes back what he said. The phone rings and Murray says it's Oscar's wife. Oscar and his wife talk about how he is on time paying the alimony and that the apartment is in great shape. The phone call ends and Felix begins to leave. Oscar invites him to the poker night next week and Felix says he'll be there and leaves. The friends finally play poker. 💡 🗣️