Theater Games for Commedia Building Skills:

\*All of these are practice for LISTENING!

1. Warm up your voice – always.
2. Silly walks ( walking in a circle in the various commedia characters)– move like a commedia character and get the idea of moving like a cartoon.
3. Things in a garden (naming off things in a garden as fast as you can around the circle) – trains you to just spit something out no matter what it is.
4. Sing for your life (one at a time jumping into the circle and singing for as long as you can) – learn to listen to your teammate and notice when they’re running out of energy then rescue them.
5. What are you doing (mime an act then next person comes up and you tell them to mime a new act) – trains you to move instantly (just like Things In A Garden but for movement)
6. Yes And (telling a story one person at a time in a circle where you must build on what the person before you said) – trains you to never disagree or negate and to exaggerate or build on what’s been said already.
7. Road Trip (four people sit in chairs like in a car and last person in must start to establish the platform) – trains you to complete the platform and also agree with your teammates.
8. Open offer (one person makes an incomplete or vague offer and the second person completes it while completing the platform (the who/what/where)) – trains you to complete the platform.
9. Three headed genius (three people answering a question one word/one person at a time) – trains you to contribute meaningful bits to a larger concept.