

Bus Safety Skit: *The Grumpy Passenger*

Setting: A bus – this can be portrayed with seats lined up to look like the interior of a bus.

Characters:

- **Narrator**
- **Grumpy Passenger**
- **Happy Passenger**

Narrator: One beautiful morning the bus driver was busy welcoming his passengers aboard.

Bus Driver: Welcome, passengers! It's a beautiful morning!

Narrator: While most of the passengers were happy and polite, there was one passenger who did not seem to want to be there at all.

Grumpy Passenger: I don't like riding the bus.

Narrator: The grumpy passenger didn't smile when the bus driver greeted him. In fact, when the grumpy passenger plopped down in his seat and started dribbling his basketball, the other passengers started getting a little grumpy too.

Happy Passenger: Do you mind? That's very loud and distracting.

Grumpy Passenger: I'm not bugging anyone. Mind your own business.

Narrator: But he was bugging someone. The bus driver couldn't help but notice the thump-thump-thump of the ball and was having a hard time paying attention to the road. *(Note that with each "thump-thump-thump," the bus driver reacts with dramatic wincing as though incredibly distracted.)*

Bus Driver: *(to audience)* It's not easy driving when there are distractions behind me.

Narrator: When the grumpy passenger went from dribbling the basketball to kicking the chair in front of him, that's when things went from bad to worse.

Happy Passenger: You may not realize this, but you're kicking the back of my seat. Will you please stop?

Grumpy Passenger: Whatever.

Narrator: It wasn't long before the grumpy passenger found another way to be distracting and loud.

Grumpy Passenger: *(with headphones on, sings loudly along with music)*

Happy Passenger: This is too much!

Narrator: It was too much. The driver pulled over the bus and gave the grumpy passenger a good talking-to.

Bus Driver: Your behavior is making it too hard to drive the bus. It's very distracting.

Narrator: The grumpy passenger was very embarrassed. He apologized and decided to never be a distracting passenger ever again.

Bus Driver: Are we ready to go, passengers?

Grumpy Passenger: *(happy)* Yeah!

Happy Passenger: *(happy)* Yeah!

Bus Driver: Next stop: *(insert name of your elementary school)*

All characters cheer.