

MAKE YOUR OWN MONOLOGUE – STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

A monologue is a speech performed by one person.

Student Instructions:

- 1) Create your character - Review the lines below and decide for yourself, what kind of person you will be when you recite the monologue.
 - a. What physical characteristics might you have? Would you be young or older? Do you use a cane? Did you just burn your tongue on soup?
 - b. How do you speak? Do you have an accent?
 - c. What is your emotional state? Are you happy, sad, angry, depressed, serious, etc.?
- 2) Don't change the words to the monologue. As an actor you can only change the meaning or emphasis of the monologue through your characterization.
- 3) Memorize as many lines as you are able while maintaining the character you have chosen. It's not as important that you memorize all of the lines as it is that you deliver as many lines as you can in character.
- 4) Don't read from the paper when you are performing as this will detract from your ability to stay in character.

You've Got to Believe Me!

So, it's like this.

I finished my homework and just before I put it in my book bag I heard my mom calling me.

I still had my homework in my hand when I found her in the kitchen making a big pot of soup.

She asked me to keep stirring the soup while she checked on my baby brother.

So I set down my homework on the counter near the stove and started stirring.

I guess my homework was too close to the stove, cause next thing I knew my paper was on fire!

I couldn't believe it!

There one minute; then poof! Gone. Just like that!

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