

Speaker: Lingokids.

Speaker: Okay, guys. Remember, tonight is our big performance. Are you excited to be acting in your very first play?

Speaker: Yes. I am so excited to be the ship captain.

Speaker: Aye, matey. I love being Elliott, bad pirate. [snarls]

Speaker: Cowy to the rescue. [chuckles] I love being the hero.

Speaker: Great. I hope you all practiced your lines a lot this week.

Speaker: Well, not really, but I remember all of my lines.

Speaker: Me too.

Speaker: Easy peasy.

Speaker: We'll see. Welcome to *Storytime* by Lingokids where we discover fascinating facts about the world around us and the fun of play learning. You're just in time to watch us rehearse for our big theater show tonight. Let's do one more full rehearsal now for our Lingokids listeners.

Speaker: I think we can skip the rehearsal.

Speaker: Yes, I'm feeling ready.

Speaker: I already know my lines.

Speaker: Okay. I see you are all very confident to perform in front of a big audience.

Speaker: Oh, a big audience?

Speaker: Yes, people who will watch you on stage.

Speaker: How big is this audience?

Speaker: Pretty big. We invited all of our friends and family.

Speaker: Yikes.

Speaker: That makes me really nervous.

Speaker: Me too.

Speaker: Well, this practice will help. How about we just do a quick rehearsal?

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Let's take it from the top of the dueling scene again. Remember, Elliot and Lisa, the pirate jingle is your cue to go on stage.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Okay.

[music]

Speaker: I -- [mumbles]

Speaker: What's wrong, Lisa? That's your cue.

Speaker: I can't remember my line.

Speaker: Remember, the pirate is trying to take your treasure and you're trying to stop him.

Speaker: Oh yes. Ah, let go of my treasure, you pirate.

Speaker: Never. [laughs] Take your sword out and duel.

Speaker: Ouch. You stepped on my foot. That's not part of the play, Elliot.

Speaker: Oh, sorry, Lisa. It was an accident.

Speaker: But I have no sword. I cannot defend myself. Who will save me?

Speaker: Fave no hear. I will cave you, saptain.

Speaker: Saptain? Fave? Why are you speaking gibberish, Cowy?

Speaker: I don't know. I'm just really nervous. Just keep going.

Speaker: Well, thank you, brave hero. You came just in time.

Speaker: [snarls] You will never defeat me. Take that.

[swords clanking]

Speaker: Whoops.

Speaker: You weren't supposed to fall, Elliot.

Speaker: That was an accident too.

Speaker: Are you okay, Elliot?

Speaker: Yes, I'm okay.

Speaker: Okay, cut. Let's stop right here. Lisa, you forgot your lines. Cowy, you're speaking gibberish, and Elliot, you're falling asleep and stepping on toes. What's going on?

Speaker: I don't know. I thought I knew all my lines, but I guess not.

Speaker: I was thinking about my lines and didn't see where I was going.

Speaker: I was thinking about the huge audience and I got really nervous.

Speaker: Well, it's normal to feel nervous when you're on a stage or on camera speaking or performing to an audience. It happens to everyone.

Speaker: It does?

Speaker: Yes, even to people who do it all the time.

Speaker: What are we going to do?

Speaker: Even professional actors and speakers need to practice a lot before going on stage. It helps them feel more confident about what they are saying and how they are moving on stage.

Speaker: That makes sense.

Speaker: Well, the show is tonight. Luckily, we still have time to practice.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Aside from practicing, there are also other exercises that actors use to feel more relaxed and warm up their voices before a show.

Speaker: Ooh, can we try some too?

Speaker: Sure. First, let's do a breathing exercise that also warms up the voice. Lingokids listeners, you can try it too.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: When I tell you, we're going to take a deep breath through our nose for four seconds.

[inhales]

Speaker: Then, we'll let the air out through our closed lips while singing a note like we're blowing a musical raspberry like this [trills lips].

Speaker: [laughs] Fun.

Speaker: Okay, are we ready? When I say go, breathe in through your nose while I count to four. Ready? Go. One, two, three, four.

[inhales]

Speaker: Okay. Now, blow the air out through your closed lips.

[trills lips]

Speaker: Well done. Now, let's do a different exercise. It's a tongue twister that will help you loosen up your lips so you don't start speaking gibberish in the middle of a show.

Speaker: Okay, we're ready.

Speaker: Try to say, "Red leather, yellow leather," and then repeat it several times. Try to say it fast, but make sure you say it clearly. Ready? Go.

Speaker: Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leaver-

Speaker: Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather-

Speaker: Red leather, yellow leather. Yed leather-

Speaker: Go slowly at first if you can't say it. The most important thing is saying it clearly.

Speaker: Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leather.

Speaker: Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leather.

Speaker: Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leather

Speaker: That's it. Well done, everyone. Give yourselves a big clap.

[applause]

Speaker: Yay.

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Speaker: That was fun.

Speaker: I'm not nervous anymore.

Speaker: We still need to practice though.

Speaker: Yes, let's do a full rehearsal.

Speaker: Or maybe two or three more.

Speaker: Lingokids listeners, thank you for letting us rehearse with you. You've been a wonderful audience and you've helped our friends get ready for their performance. Do you have any other tips or good luck messages for us? Share them with us. Send us an email to podcast@lingokids.com or tag us on social media @lingokids. Just ask a grown-up for help.

Speaker: It's showtime.

[applause]

[music]

Speaker: Ah, let go of my treasure, you pirate.

Speaker: Never. [laughs] Take your sword out and duel.

Speaker: But I have no sword. I cannot defend myself. Who will save me?

Speaker: Have no fear. I will save you, captain.

[crowd cheers]

Speaker: Oh, thank you, brave hero. You came just in time.

Speaker: [snarls] You will never defeat me. Take that.

[swords clanking]

Speaker: Take that, pirate.

Speaker: [snarls] I surrender.

Speaker: Oh, thank you, hero. You saved the day.

[applause]

[music]

Speaker: Great job, guys. It looks like the practice paid off. The crowd loves you.

Speaker: Thanks, everyone.

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