

Purposeful Play

Write a play with five characters. Each character can only speak in one sentence purpose, but the narrator can speak in any purpose. The play should be 10 or more lines long. Assign the four characters, and each character must use at least **one interjection** and have a minimum of **two lines**.

"The Case of the Missing Crown"

Narrator: The king and queen of Forgetfulville are in the throne room.

King (sitting on his throne): Where is my crown?

Queen (sitting on her throne and reading a book): Look under your chair.

King: Do you think it would be there?

Knight (rushing in): Goodness gracious! I am hungry!

Queen (still reading): Wowzers, stop shouting!

Knight: But I *am* starving!

King: Where is *my* crown?

Queen (still reading): Stop asking and go look for it!

Princess (enters with a twirl): Hello, Mommy and Daddy.

King: Where should I go to look for my crown?

Princess: Uh, Dad, your crown is on your head.

King: Well, can you believe that?

Princess: Yes, yes, I can.

Narrator: The king smiles. The queen continues to read. The princess twirls out of the room. The knight returns with a sandwich, and they all live happily, yet forgetfully, ever after.

Discuss:

Whenever the King speaks, he uses a(n) _____ sentence. The Queen speaks in _____, the Knight in _____, and the Princess in _____.

Your Turn:

When writing your play, each type of sentence needs to be represented at least twice. Your group will consist of five students. Utilize the prop box for ideas and costumes...and most importantly, have fun with it!