



Drama – Year 6

Transition activity



Hi, I'm Mrs Pearce one of the Drama teachers

Writing your own monologue

What? To write a monologue from a character in a book or make up your own character.

Why? In Drama lessons you will be developing lots of skills including

- Social skills – working together
- Creativity – coming up with ideas
- Communication skills – getting across your ideas to others
- Oracy skills – speaking out loud
- Acting and performing in groups and on your own.

This is a monologue from the book *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.

ALICE: [*Angrily*] Why, how impolite of him. I asked him a civil question, and he pretended not to hear me. That's not at all nice. [*Calling after him*] I say, Mr. White Rabbit, where are you going? Hmm. He won't answer me. And I do so want to know what he is late for. I wonder if I might follow him. Why not? There's no rule that I mayn't go where I please. I--I will follow him. Wait for me, Mr. White Rabbit. I'm coming, too! [*Falling*]

How curious. I never realized that rabbit holes were so dark . . . and so long . . . and so empty. I believe I have been falling for five minutes, and I still can't see the bottom! Hmph! After such a fall as this, I shall think nothing of tumbling downstairs. How brave they'll all think me at home. Why, I wouldn't say anything about it even if I fell off the top of the house! I wonder how many miles I've fallen by this time. I must be getting somewhere near the centre of the earth. I wonder if I shall fall right *through* the earth! How funny that would be. Oh, I think I see the bottom. Yes, I'm sure I see the bottom. I shall hit the bottom, hit it very hard, and oh, how it will hurt!



SCAN ME

If you are able to, watch this video example.



What is a monologue?

A monologue is a moment in a play, film, or novel, where a character speaks without being interrupted by any other characters.

An example of a monologue

I've got a new sister. Everyone else thinks she's so cute, but I don't see what the big deal is. She cries all the time and everyone's always making all these funny faces and sounds around her. Plus, mum and dad don't get any sleep at night because the baby keeps them up. It's not my fault; I asked for a puppy.

Write and perform your own Monologue

1. Choose a character from a book or a film or made-up character.
2. Write a monologue using 1st person narrative (A **first-person narrative** is when the narrator relays events from their own point of view using "I" or "we")
3. Use connectives - therefore, whilst, however, also etc
4. Read your monologue out loud and learn it to you can perform it by memory.
5. Perform it and have fun! (you could even dress up if you want to...)

My Monologue

By

Character name