

Guide for Readers' Theater Demo. (Excerpts adapted from script.)

Actor 1 or 2 presents the intro.

Welcome to StretchABookClub! We are going to show you how to turn reading into acting. (note: actors look up when reading, and look at and listen to other actor when other actor is reading.)

Actor1: I'm _____. **Actor2:** and I'm _____. (Actor 3: And I'm.....)

Director's voice/or Mom's part: The author created a play from the book, A Name For Kitty. (Note: Kids show book cover.) Let's do the scene at the pet shop after Mother and Malinda Martha return from the market and the scene at home, trying out names.

Actor 1: I'll be the Narrator and Mother. (Or Mom can be Narrator.)

Actor 2: I'll be Malinda Martha and Kitty. (or third actor can be Kitty.)

Actor 1.Narrator: Martha runs inside the pet shop to see if kitty is still there.

Actor 2.Malinda Martha:Kitty, Kitty, you're waiting...all alone. Oh, Kitty, you waited! You waited for me!

Director/Mom: (praise)

I like the way you read dramatically and looked up, too. Let's demo this line and show how way to increase the punch from reading to acting.

Actor 1.Narrator:Malinda Martha, Mother, and Kitty head home. Kitty plays in Malinda Martha's room...Malinda Martha tries out different names.

Actor 1.Mother: Kitty zooms around the room like a space ship.

Actor 2.Malinda Martha: Can he be Cosmo?

Actor 1.Mother: Sometimes he jumps up on the counter and freezes in his tracks, like when the flower vase shattered.

Actor 2.Malinda Martha: What about Catastrophe?

Actor 1.Mother: Shadow doesn't fit him at all because he's afraid of his own shadow on the wall.

Actor 2.Malinda Martha: I caught him playing with the mouse on the cybermat. But I know that's not his kind of mouse. He's not Cybercat. If only he could tell me his own little bit.

Actor 1.Mother: Would he choose Blackbeard as the perfect fit?

Actor 2 or 3.Kitty: Meow.

Actor 2.Malinda Martha: Are you saying, "I'm a landlubber, I am. Just call me Sam." Kitty, you'll have to grow into a name that fits.

Actor 2 or 3. Kitty:Meow.

Director/Mom: (praise) I like the way you read with punch...and looked at others when they were reading. What did you like about turning reading into acting?

Actors' answers...

Actors: Readers' Theater is Fun.

