

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 script of Mrs. Picasso's Polliwog is adapted from the story. (Note: Kids show book cover.) Let's do the scene at Mrs. Picasso's apartment when she discovers that her polliwog's bowl is empty AND the scene at Mr. Petsky's pet shop.

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

Actor 2: I'll Mr. Petsky and Polly, the frog. (or 3rd actor can be Polly.)

Actor 1. Mrs. Picasso:

Polly's bowl is empty! There is no doubt about it. Polly is gone! Oh, dear! Polly isn't there! Polly isn't anywhere! But, what is that strange sound?

Actor 2. Polly, the frog: Ribid!

Director/Mom (praise)

I like the way you said Polly is gone. You really made me believe you. You sounded surprised and scared. Can you show how to act even more surprised?

Actor 1. Mrs. Picasso: I'll just tip-toe down the hall to the bathroom and look inside.

Actor 2. Polly, the frog: Ribid!

Actor 1. Mrs. Picasso: I'm sure the strange sound is coming from the bathtub. I'll just peer over the edge of the bathtub. Ever so carefully. Oh, my!

Mom. Narrator: There, in a puddle of water sits a little green frog.

Actor 2. Polly, the frog: Ribid!

Actor 1. Mrs. Picasso: Oh dear! This frog must have eaten

Polly, the polliwog. I will take it to the pet store. Mr. Petsky will know what to do.

Director/Mom: (praise) I like the way you read dramatically and looked up, too. Let's demo this line again and show how you changed reading into acting.

Mom. Narrator: At the pet store.

Actor 1. Mrs. Picasso: Oh, Mr. Petsky. Something terrible has happened. Polly, the polliwog, has disappeared and I think that this little green frog has eaten her up.

Actor 2. Mr. Petsky: You know that puppies grow up to be dogs. And you know that kittens grow up to be cats. Polly, the polliwog, has become Polly, the frog!

Mom. Narrator: Mrs. Picasso smiles. And now she and Mr. Petsky laugh and laugh until tears roll down their cheeks.

Actor 2. Polly, the frog: Ribid!

Mom. Narrator: Mrs. Picasso

hurries out of the pet store with Polly, the frog. When she arrives home, she gathers her pets around her and opens a jar and places a little green frog on the table.

Actor 1. Mrs. Picasso: Poochie, Pickles, Mr. Tweety, I'd like you to meet the newest member of our family, Polly, the frog!

Actor 2. Polly, the frog: Ribid!

Mom. Narrator: And they all live happily together... in Mrs. Picasso's apartment in Paris.

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

Actors' answers...

Actors: Readers' Theater is Fun.