



Hello group 17 and 18!

Since you've all had the opportunity to practice your Monologue skills this year, your "***Drama Mission***" this week, should you choose to accept it, is as follows:

With so many people staying in right now, I'm guessing home improvement projects are at an all-time high, and that's what today's monologue is about.

It's no secret that a new coat of paint can really freshen up a place. But for kiddos, it can be a really big deal. In today's monologue, "Decorating Decisions," from [***Ups and Downs***](#), a boy or girl is getting their room painted. But with **alternate suggested scenarios**, it's up to you whether the kid is confident about the matter or concerned they might get it all wrong!

Try both scenarios, then try a third time with still a different emotion that you determine! But don't just jump in! First, deliberate about your character. How old are they? Do they have any brothers or sisters? What scenario, what emotion feels like the right one? And why does your character feel that way? Is there some backstory we don't know? (Hint: There always is, you just need to create it!)

Since the monologue remains the same, it's important to be in touch with your character's feelings in order to properly convey the emotion. The words might remain the same, but how they're delivered says everything about what those words mean.

Monologue Mania!

“Decorating Decisions” from *Ups and Downs* by Rebecca Wright

Scenario One: Confident

You are excited about decorating your room. You know it will last a long time, and you’re confident you will make the right decision. You take the decision-making seriously but also know that it’s just a room. You’ll be happy no matter what.

Scenario Two: Concerned

You are concerned about the pressure of decorating your room. You know it has to last a long time, and you’re afraid you’ll make the wrong decision.

**** * “Decorating Decisions”**

The day has come! Dad says he’ll paint my room. Those drab, sand-colored walls will be gone forever! I can pick something that will be just what I like, something that reflects my personality and won’t look like every other room in the house. I get to choose what I want! Dad says the paint has to last for years. He won’t repaint it again until I leave for college. That’s like a zillion years away! Why is he even thinking about that right now? How am I supposed to know what I’ll like for that long? But it’s just paint, right? I mean, how hard can it be to just go with a color and love it? Do you have any idea how many choices of colors there are out there? I thought picking paint for my room would be super quick. Grab a can of paint and be done. I knew I wanted blue, for sure, but when Dad took me to the store to pick out the specific color, there were ten rows of different kinds of blue! And blue was right next to all the red options, which seemed pretty cool too. Maybe I didn’t want blue after all. And then red was beside the purple—you get the idea! A whole world of color was sitting there staring at me saying, “Pick me! Pick me!” How could I choose? Luckily, they gave us these strips of the different colors to take home. And I think I’ve figured it out. You like this one, right? Kind of turquoise? It’s in the blue family like I originally wanted. You wouldn’t get sick of this one, right? Year after year. It would feel like the ocean. Kind of. Who wouldn’t

love that? Waking up to the feel of ocean right in your room. Yep. This one's the winner.

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I miss you all, please stay safe and stay home!!!

Ms. Morrison