

Welcome to our show...

The Importance of being eager

Act 1, scene 1

A classroom full of noisy children throwing paper around.

[enter the teacher, Mrs Burkill]

Benjamin: (shouting) Mrs Burkill, how can I write a play script all by myself?

Mrs Burkill: It's simple really Benjamin, I'll take you through step by step and I'm sure you'll understand.

[there is a knock at the door, in walks Millie]

Millie: Sorry I'm late, Mrs Burkill, I was finishing off my story.

Mrs Burkill: That's ok Millie, maybe we could use it to write a play script. May I share it with the class?

Millie: (smiling) Yes of course.

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“*You do realise it's a grave you've fallen into, don't you?*” queried David.

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Write them down without speech marks, don't forget the name of who is saying them goes first

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Act 1 Scene 1

**Put them in
brackets**

Jenni: (mumbling as she struggles to her feet brushing the earth off her jeans)

What on earth just happened?

David: (shouting down the hole) Jenni, what are you doing down there?

Jenni: I don't know, I just sort of ... passed out I suppose and fell into this hole.

David: You do realise it's a grave you've fallen into, don't you?

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[A girl has just fallen down an empty grave, her friend is looking down]

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Toad in the Hole by Mrs Burkill

“Dinner’s ready!” called mum from the kitchen.

“I’m not hungry,” answered Helen.

“Helen Julie Allen, get yourself down here now, if I have to come into that bathroom there will be trouble...” shouted mum.

Helen sighed as she watched the last of the bubbles disappear from the bath, “Ok mum, just let me get my clothes on first.”

**Try this one on
your whiteboards**

**Your work should
look similar to this**

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Mum: Dinner's ready.

Helen: I'm not hungry.

Mum: Helen Julie Allen ,get yourself down here now, if I have to come into that bathroom there will be trouble...

Helen: Ok mum, just let me get my clothes on first.

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Mum: (shouting from off stage) Dinner's ready.

Helen: (calling down) I'm not hungry.

Mum: Helen Julie Allen ,get yourself down here now, if I have to come into that bathroom there will be trouble...

Helen: (she sighs and watches the bath) Ok mum, just let me get my clothes on first.

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[A girl is in the bathroom letting the water out of the bath]

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Mum: Helen Julie Allen ,get yourself down here now, if I have to come into that bathroom there will be trouble...

Helen: (she sighs and watches the bath) Ok mum, just let me get my clothes on first.

The End

I hope you enjoyed the show