

Read-Aloud Challenge

In this challenge, you will read aloud a passage of your favorite book, focusing on interpretation and storytelling. You do not need to memorize!

1. Choose a passage (a paragraph or two) from your favorite book. Picture book or chapter book- any kind of book is fine!
2. Read the passage aloud, and make note of any words, sections, or phrases that stand out to you. You may find it helpful to type and print out your passage so that you can make notes right on the text.
3. Read and complete the READ-ALOUD WORKSHEET (below). This will help you identify some things that are important to good storytelling, like energy, mood, and characterization.
4. Practice! Practice reading your passage aloud, focusing on the elements you discovered while completing the worksheet. Explore. Try it different ways. Have fun! Remember, your goal should be to make the story come alive!
5. Record! When you're ready, record yourself reading aloud. Make sure to introduce yourself and tell us what you'll be reading, and to film in landscape mode (horizontally). We recommend looking directly at the camera when you're not looking at the page.
6. Upload! Visit the ACT Spotlight page to upload your video. Make sure to title it with your name.

READ-ALoud WORKSHEET

1. What is the mood of the passage? How does the passage make you feel? What are some ideas for helping the audience understand that feeling while you're reading?
2. How much energy do you need to bring to your reading? How does the amount of energy with which you read change the way the story feels?
3. Are there any characters that speak in the passage you've chosen? What kind of voice do you imagine they have? How do they feel about what they're saying? Play around with your character(s) when you're practicing aloud!
4. Are there any specific words or phrases that you want to pay particular attention to while you're reading? Are there any challenging words or phrases that you need to practice aloud to get them right?