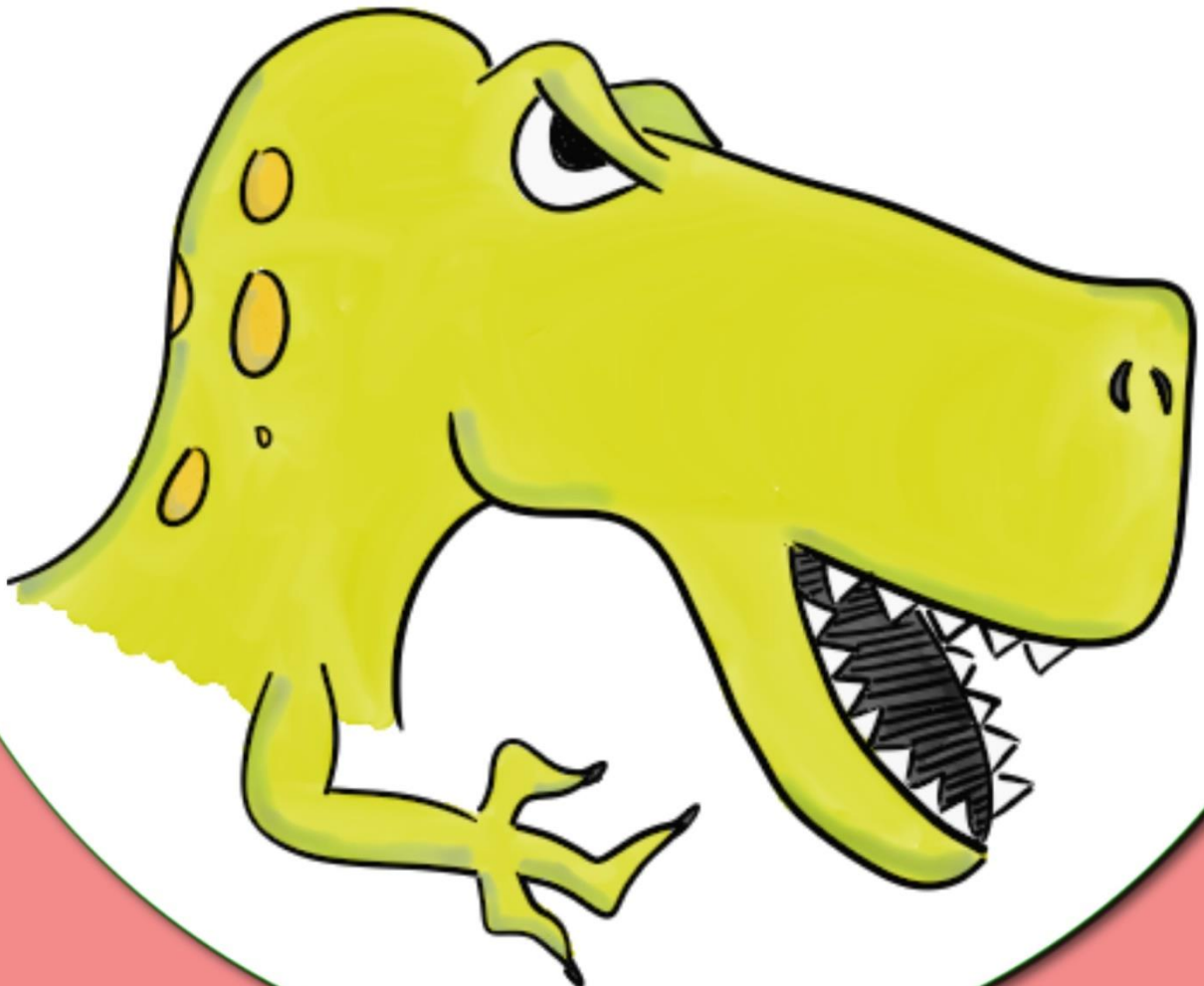


THE T-REX FROM MY CEREAL



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Readers' Theater Basics

Readers' theater focuses on developing students' reading fluency, which has four essential components—accuracy, rate, phrasing, and expression. I call this “ARPE” for short. Of course, that’s mainly because it’s a lot more fun to say, “**We’re gonna rock the ARPE!**” than it is to say, “Class, today we’re going to work on our accuracy, reading rate, phrasing, and expression.”

As students practice (and then perform!) their readers' theater scripts, here's what I encourage them to work toward:

ACCURACY: Say all of the words correctly as you read.

RATE: Don't read too quickly or too slowly.

PHRASING: Avoid “choppy” reading and pay attention to punctuation.

EXPRESSION: Let your voice show your character's personality and emotions.

Anyway, part of the beauty of readers' theater is that it requires no memorization or acting by the students—the “acting” simply comes through the expressive reading of their scripts. Likewise, no costumes, props, or sets are needed to perform readers' theater (although students may elect to add some of those elements for fun).

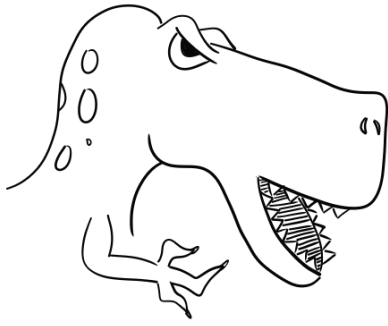
Two elements within my scripts are specifically designed to guide students' expression.

1. Bracketed prompts such as [*upset*] and [*annoyed*] are used to give readers clues about the underlying attitudes of characters.
2. *Italics* are frequently used to show words readers should emphasize.

Students can be taught to use both of these features of the scripts to improve their performances.

If you'd like to see an example of readers' theater in action, click the link below to view a 2-reader performance of “Mother Goose Interrupted: Little Miss Muffet”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhYlW73vad8>



The T-rex from My Cereal

By T. P. Jagger

Watch-out Word!

• terrorized • tsunami

Reading Roles:

Reader 1

Reader 2

- ALL:** [announcing] *The T-rex from My Cereal.*
- READER 1:** For breakfast I ate Dino Bites—
- READER 2:** the box came with a prize.
- READER 1:** Inside I saw what came for free—
- READER 2:** [amazed] I didn't trust my eyes.
- READER 1:** A tiny bag sat on the top and said:
- ALL:** [like an excited salesperson] COLLECT ALL FOUR!
ADD A DROP OF WATER AND YOU'LL GROW A DINOSAUR!
- READER 2:** Since growing it with water only took a single drop,
- READER 1:** I figured bonus H-2-O would make my dino *pop*.
- READER 2:** I headed to the bathroom,
- READER 1:** Filled the bathtub to the brim,
- READER 2:** Tossed the bag in with a splash,
- READER 1:** And watched the fun begin.
- READER 2:** The baggie stretched and wiggled for a minute—
- READER 1:** Maybe two—

READER 2: Until a stubby arm popped out and snatched my mom's shampoo.

READER 1: A T-rex burst out from the bag,

READER 2: Which caused a giant wave.

READER 1: [*scared*] The terrible tub tsunami nearly sent me to my grave!

READER 2: Cat-size!

READER 1: Dog-size!

ALL: *Elephant!*

READER 2: My T-rex quickly grew.

READER 1: Its head broke through the ceiling—

READER 2: There was nothing I could do!

READER 1: Its left foot crushed the toilet,

READER 2: And its right kicked down the door.

READER 1: It crawled outside onto our roof and gave a mighty:

ALL: *ROAR!*

READER 2: It smashed our neighbor's Lexus when it stomped off down the street.

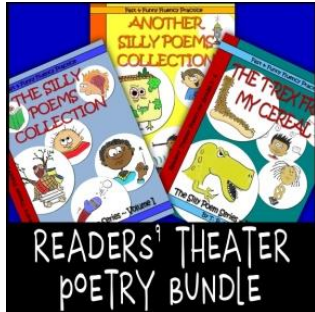
READER 1: It terrorized a Burger King to get some meat to eat.

READER 2: The T-rex from my cereal was impossible to stop.

ALL: The next time that I grow one I'll use just *one* water drop.

This poem is excerpted from the 10-poem literacy toolkit
"The T-rex from My Cereal: Silly Poems ~ Volume III."

Readers' Theater Fast & Funny Fluency



Thanks for downloading this **FREE** readers' theater script! If you enjoyed this sample, check out the complete 44-page "The T-rex from My Cereal: A Silly Poems Collection," which includes 10 silly poems, 3 different poem compilations, plus vocabulary pages.

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