

The following is an example of a monologue in which the character speaks to an imaginary character on the stage.

CHARACTER: PARENT GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO A BABY SITTER

PARENT: (OPENING DOOR) Come in, Bertha. I'm glad you agreed to tend little Percy for me. (SHE LOOKS DOWN AT PERCY WHO IS SITTING ON THE FLOOR.) You are going to love Percy. He does the cutest things. (SHE LOOKS DOWN AGAIN AT PERCY WHO IS CRAWLING AROUND.) Now, Percy. Don't bite Bertha's ankle. Isn't he sweet? He's teething so he goes around biting everything. Yesterday he bit the dog, so we had to get him a shot. (SHE PAUSES AS SHE LISTENS TO BERTHA SPEAK.) The baby? No, the dog. The dog got the shot. You see, the baby bit the dog. Anyway, the dog seems all right, I mean he's not sick or anything, but I don't understand why he won't come out from under the piano. Maybe it's because he misses the cat. The cat disappeared after Percy threw it in the trash compacter. (SHE PAUSES AS SHE WATCHES THE DISAPPEARING BERTHA.) Wait, Bertha. Where are you going? Who is going to tend little Percy? (SHE STARTS TO RUN AFTER BERTHA, BUT SHE STOPS SUDDENLY AND LOOKS DOWN AT THE FLOOR.) Stop that, Percy! Let go of my ankle.

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The following is an example of a monologue in which the character speaks to the audience:

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CHARACTER: COOKING INSTRUCTOR TALKING TO A LADIES CLUB

COOK: Ladies, I am so glad to be here today to speak to you. The reason I am so glad to be here is that I'm not feeling very well. I think it was something I ate. Yuck! I found this recipe for baked Alaska. I thought it sounded like a dumb idea, but I went ahead and tried it. I cut up a map of Alaska and baked it for ten minutes. It just all curled up and burned just like I thought it would. It looked awful and it tasted even worse. You really have to be careful when you try some of these new recipes. For example, have you ever tried making a carrot cake? Now just take a minute and be logical. Carrots are great in soup, but why would anyone even think of putting something like that in a cake? When I eat cake, I don't want any vegetables camouflaged in there. I just want straight sugar. But today I do have a dish I think you will like, and it is so easy to make. It has only one ingredient - a cup of water. It's called water casserole. And the nice part of it is you can prepare it any way you like. You can boil the water, bake it, freeze it, or even barbeque it. Just ask your family which they prefer. This dish is sure to be a favorite with everyone. After all, who doesn't like water?