

Men's Monologue Selections

Please choose and prepare ONE of the following. (You may prepare more than one, but will only be asked to perform one.)

Horton the Elephant—is friendly, loyal, and kind.

Choice 1: "I say! How confusing! I've never heard tell of a small speck of dust that is able to yell. So you know what I think? I think there must be someone on top of that small speck of dust, too tiny to see! Some poor little person who's shaking with fear that he'll blow in the pool. He has no way to steer! It's true, please believe me. I tell you sincerely. My ears are quite keen and I heard him quite clearly. I know there's a person down there and what's more...quite likely there's two. Even three. Even four!"

Choice 2: "I've been guarding this clover for over a week, getting laughed at for thinking a dust speck can speak. Well, let them all laugh, I'll try not to mind, for I have found something that they'll never find. Hello? Who's there? JoJo, the Mayor's son? I'm Horton the elephant. Are there more than one? JoJo, you say that there's a whole town? I'll guard this speck carefully. I won't let you down. I meant what I said and I said what I meant. An elephant's faithful. One hundred percent."

Mr. Mayor—The mayor of Who and must find a way to keep his town safe. He is also the father of JoJo and cannot understand JoJo's creative mind.

"I'm the Mayor of Who. Why, I've just been elected. And upright behavior is thus forth expected. But we've just had a talk with your teachers today and they didn't have one single good thing to say. You invented new Thinks which defy all description. You gave Miss O'Dooley a nervous conniption. Your Thinks were so wild, they disrupted your classes and made Mrs. Mackel-Who drop her new glasses. Which is why you're suspended. Yes, that's what they said. Young man, what in Who has gotten into your head? Now that Horton has found us, we're safe on a clover. But clearly, our troubles are far, far from over."

The Cat in the Hat—this role is not gender specific. The story's narrator, mischievous, energetic, and encouraging of creativity. Often breaks the 4th wall to address the audience directly, and assumes many crazy characterizations and voices.

"I can see that you've got quite a mind for your age! Why, one think, and you dragged me right off of the page! Now I'm here and there's no telling what may ensue, with a Cat such as me and a thinker like you. Our story begins with a very strange sound—the drums of a jungle beginning to pound. An unusual story will soon be unfurled of an elephant trying to save a small world. Our topic today is "Psychic Elephants Who Hear Voices." Whaddaya think, folks? Is the elephant off his trunk?"