**Teaching Tip II**

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**Readers Theater**



It is a dramatic performanceof a script by a group of readers.

The script can be read out in groups or by individual students.

**Materials:** script, copies or links. Pick up the text according to the level.

**Student-based** (interactive) activity.

**Purpose:**

* To develop reading fluency,
* To gain oral reading practice in relaxed, small-group setting,
* To practice reading high-fluency words,
* To increase reading speed,
* To learn how to phase and chank words in sentences,
* To engage with the text, to interpret characters,
* To bring the text to life.

**Time:** 50 minutes or more. Itdepends on the text you chose, number of students, characters in the story.

**Procedure:**

* Students and the teacher select a script and then read and discuss it as they would any other story.
* Students volunteer to read each part.
* Students decide how to use their voices, gestures, facial expressions to interpret the characters.
* Students read the script several times, paying attention to pronunciation and intonation.
* Students present Readers Theater in front of the classroom. They may stand or sit and read out their parts. If some students want to sit, they may stand up when reading their lines.
* Interpretive quality of readers’ voices, expressions, pronunciation, intonation are the most important things.

**Alternative / modification:**

* If you teach a group which is quite big, and there’s not enough characters for everyone – you may group students and divide the parts, in this way a group of 3 or 4 students will have to read out one character. This is both challenging and fun.
* If this is an online lesson – you may provide your students with the links instead of printed text.

**Link to the text:**

<http://mrtozer.pbworks.com/w/page/47616424/Double%20Trouble%20in%20Walla%20Walla%20Reader%27s%20Theater>

**Link to the video which shows Readers Theater based on the text provided:**

<https://www.schooltube.com/media/Double+Trouble+in+Walla+Walla/1_1xs4z6ht>

**Links to printable dramatic one-act plays:**

<https://hoopoebooks.com/readers-theater/>

<https://www.teachervision.com/literature/readers-theater-sample-script>

<http://www.thebestclass.org/rtscripts.html>

<http://www.aaronshep.com/rt/RTE.html>