# THE LIGHTER SIDE

# **Stage Directions**

Stage directions describe characters' emotions or actions; they help actors interpret scripts. The short script below has several stage directions, but some words have been left out. Fill in the blanks by scrambling the letters in one of the words the character speaks in that line. For example,

JOHN (*looking very* \_\_\_\_\_): I tried, but I couldn't do it.

Scramble the letters in one of the words John says until you spell a word that makes sense in the stage direction. In this case, you can scramble the word *tried* to form *tired*; the stage direction should read *looking very tired*:

JOHN (looking very <u>tired</u>): I tried, but I couldn't do it.

For each missing word below, complete the stage direction by scrambling one word in the character's line.

## THE LOST RING

FRANCINE is sitting at a table, reading. FRANK enters.

FRANK (*loudly, with a big* \_\_\_\_\_): Look! I found your ring!

FRANCINE (*with a wide* \_\_\_\_\_): Wonderful! I've walked for miles looking for it.

FRANK: Here you are. (He gives the ring to FRANCINE.)

FRANCINE: Thank you! Where was it?

FRANK (in a \_\_\_\_\_\_ voice than before): In the forest.

FRANCINE (putting her hand to her \_\_\_\_\_): Why are you whispering?

FRANK (*still speaking softly*): Because we're in the library.

FRANCINE: You're right. We should go celebrate!

FRANK (*looking excited and* \_\_\_\_\_): I agree. Let's go!



They exit.

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### Answers to THE LIGHTER SIDE

### **STAGE DIRECTIONS**

(loudly, with a big giin) ring → grin
(with a wide <u>simile</u>) miles → simile
(in a <u>softer</u> voice than before) forest → softer
(putting her hand to her <u>ear</u>) are → ear
(looking excited and <u>eager</u>) agree → eager