

2023-2024 HT International Speech Festival Pieces 2023-2024 珩天文化國際英語朗誦節選材



Monologue (Born in 2005-2007) 角色獨白 (2005-2007年出生組別)

Choice A

Ebenezer Scrooge from "A Christmas Carol" 來自狄更斯《小氣財神》

(Ebenezer Scrooge is an old businessman obsessed with solitude and greed, collides in a nightmare with his own youth and his lost love. The scene sets in Scrooge's office in London. Scrooge's nephew Fred enters his office and wishes his uncle a Merry Christmas, which he doesn't like celebrating.)

Bah! Humbug! Well, it's not a joke. Come, what is it you want? Don't waste all day, Nephew. What else can I be when I live in such a world of fools as this? Merry Christmas! Out with Merry Christmas!

What's Christmas to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older but not an hour richer. If I could work my will, every idiot who goes about with "Merry Christmas" on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart.

Nephew, keep Christmas in your own way and let me keep it in mine.

Then leave it alone, much good it may do you. Much good it has ever done you. Bah! I'll dine alone, thank you. Why? Why did you get married? Because you fell in love with a wonderful girl, right? And I fell in love with being alone. Good afternoon.

I said Good Afternoon!



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Elizabeth Bennet from "Pride and Prejudice" 來自《傲慢與偏見》

Sir, I appreciate the struggle you have been through, and I am very sorry to have caused you pain. Believe me, it was unconsciously done. ... I'm sure that the feelings which, as you've told me have hindered your regard, will help you in overcoming it. ... And I might as well enquire why, with so evident a design of insulting me, you chose to tell me that you liked me against your better judgment.

If I was uncivil, that was some excuse – But I have other reasons, you know I have! Do you think that anything might tempt me to accept the man who has ruined, perhaps forever, the happiness of a most beloved sister? Do you deny it, Mr. Darcy? That you separated a young couple who loved each other, exposing your friend to the censure of the world for caprice, and my sister to its derision for disappointed hopes, and involving them both in misery of the acutest kind? How could you do it?

I suppose you suspect that his fortune had some bearing on the matter? From the moment I met you, your arrogance and conceit, your selfish disdain of the feelings of others, made me realize that you were the last man in the world I could ever be prevailed upon to marry.