

- 1 better get going. Be careful now.
2 CHRIS: We will. Thank you. Really, thanks so much. And I'm
3 sorry for —
4 DIRTY MAN: Don't mention it. Really, don't mention it. Bye.
5 *(He leaves.)*
6 TAYLOR: Well, we completely misjudged those two men,
7 didn't we?
8 CHRIS: Yeah, and all because of what they looked like. Who
9 would have thought?
10 TAYLOR: I guess that shows that you really can't judge
11 people by how they look. Are we going to make our show
12 on time?
13 CHRIS: Oh, yeah, but we'd better hurry. I can't wait to see
14 Julie Quinn.
15 TAYLOR: Oh? Have you seen her act before?
16 CHRIS: No, but she's gorgeous. If she was a dinosaur, she'd
17 be a babe-a-saurus.
18 TAYLOR: So much for your lesson on judging books by their
19 cover.
20 CHRIS: Oh, was this play a book first?
21 TAYLOR: Let's go. I think you need to get out of the sun.

8. The Project

Topic: Group of students trying to get motivated to put together a project

Cast:

COURTNEY: a go-getter, trying to work correctly and up against lazy classmates

BEN: would rather be anywhere but here; he's lazy, sarcastic, and bored

ILAN: the class brainiac and extremely well-spoken

KIM: nice, fun-loving, and loves to eat

- 1 *(ALL sitting around in various positions. COURTNEY has*
2 *paper and pencil, trying to take notes. BEN is trying to sleep.*
3 *ILAN is sitting upright, hyper-focused. KIM is playing with her*
4 *hair, her mind obviously elsewhere.)*
5 COURTNEY: *(Obviously been working at this for a while)* If we
6 don't start on this, we're never gonna finish.
7 BEN: *(Tossing a ball in the air and catching it)* I hate these
8 stupid projects. Why do we have to do this stuff
9 anyway?
10 ILAN: *(Softly, but assuredly and clearly)* To enhance our
11 learning and increase our appreciation for the world
12 around us.
13 KIM: You sound like a walking encyclopedia, Ilan.
14 ILAN: Well, I think it's an interesting and engaging
15 opportunity.
16 BEN: Of course you do. You're like a miniature teacher.
17 COURTNEY: *(Clapping hands)* People! People! No bickering!
18 We're gonna have to *start* if we ever want to *finish*.
19 KIM: *(Shifts weight, looks at her nails.)* Isn't it time to take a
20 break? I think I need a snack.
21 COURTNEY: We just started! No breaks. Let's at least get
22 started.

1 ILAN: I think we should explore all the possible
 2 manifestations of precipitation in order to determine the
 3 appropriate methodology of commencing our project.
 4 BEN: Is he even speaking English?
 5 KIM: No English I ever heard.
 6 COURTNEY: I think he said we should think about the
 7 different kinds of rain in order to figure out how to start.
 8 BEN: Why didn't he just say that?
 9 ILAN: I did.
 10 BEN: *(Sits up.)* No, this is what you said: "Blah blah blah.
 11 Blah blah blah. Blah blah blah project."
 12 COURTNEY: You're not helping matters, Ben. We *have* to
 13 get started.
 14 KIM: *(Whining)* I'm hungry.
 15 BEN: *(To ILAN and KIM)* Ryan had a huge brownie for lunch
 16 today. He wouldn't share, but it looked really good.
 17 KIM: Did it have chocolate chips?
 18 BEN: I think so. But no nuts. I hate nuts.
 19 KIM: Me, too. My mom puts nuts in her cookies every
 20 Christmas and I won't eat them.
 21 ILAN: Oftentimes an underlying allergic sensitivity to nuts
 22 and legumes of all types causes gastrointestinal upset
 23 and is mistaken for disliking when it may actually
 24 represent an allergy.
 25 BEN and KIM: *(Pause, then say together)* Huh?
 26 COURTNEY: *(Exasperated. Throws pencil in the air and drops*
 27 *notebook.)* I give up! I'm writing this for our paper,
 28 *Sometimes it rains. Sometimes it snows. Sometimes it's*
 29 *foggy. The end. How's that?*
 30 BEN: I love it.
 31 KIM: Me, too. You hand that in, Courtney. Come on, Ben,
 32 let's hit the vending machines. *(BEN and KIM leave.*
 33 *There's a pause.)*
 34 COURTNEY: I was kidding.
 35 ILAN: *(Pause)* Do you oftentimes sense that you are alone in

1 the universe without an understanding soul existing on
 2 this whole planet?
 3 COURTNEY: *(Looks at him like he's crazy.)* All the time.