

- 1 JULIA: Do you think it will be that easy with her?
- 2 JILLIAN: Only one way to find out. Let's go.
- 3 CASSIE: Hey, Jillian. Remember, you're not an adult
- 4 anymore.
- 5 JILLIAN: Right. I'll behave.
- 6 JULIA: Sure. I believe that. *(They exit.)*

40. Permanent Probation

Topic: A goofy driver is pulled over by an overworked police officer.

Cast:

OFFICER: trying to keep things going smoothly, very professional
DALE: completely clueless, should be nowhere near a moving vehicle

- 1 *(Scene can be set with DALE sitting in a chair pretending to*
- 2 *hold a steering wheel, facing forward. OFFICER approaches*
- 3 *from behind.)*
- 4 OFFICER: Can I see your license and registration, please?
- 5 DALE: Why, officer? Was I speeding?
- 6 OFFICER: License and registration, please.
- 7 DALE: *(Slight hesitation)* Well, there might be a slight
- 8 problem with that.
- 9 OFFICER: *(Steps back, speaks emphatically)* Step out of the
- 10 car, please.
- 11 DALE: OK, OK.
- 12 OFFICER: What's the problem with the license and
- 13 registration?
- 14 DALE: Don't have it.
- 15 OFFICER: You mean you left your identification at home?
- 16 DALE: No, I mean I don't have it.
- 17 OFFICER: You don't have a license?
- 18 DALE: Do I look sixteen to you?
- 19 OFFICER: Exactly how old are you?
- 20 DALE: Can I go to jail for lying to a policeman?
- 21 OFFICER: Whose car is this?
- 22 DALE: My dad's.
- 23 OFFICER: Does he know you're driving without a license?
- 24 DALE: Of course not. Don't be silly. It was my *mom's* idea.
- 25 OFFICER: Do you have your learner's?
- 26 DALE: Don't you have to be like fifteen or something to get
- 27 that?

- 1 OFFICER: What exactly are you doing driving without so
- 2 much as a learner's permit?
- 3 DALE: It was an emergency.
- 4 OFFICER: What type of emergency?
- 5 DALE: We ran out of chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream.
- 6 OFFICER: You consider *that* an emergency?
- 7 DALE: If you met my mom, you would understand.
- 8 OFFICER: I'm sure I will be meeting her very soon. Please
- 9 get into the rear seat of my vehicle.
- 10 DALE: You mean I get to ride in a cop car?
- 11 OFFICER: I need to take you down to the station and
- 12 contact your parents.
- 13 DALE: Can we stop to get the ice cream on the way?
- 14 OFFICER: You know what receiving a citation without a
- 15 license means, don't you?
- 16 DALE: That you can't suspend my license?
- 17 OFFICER: In a way, we can. Your probationary period has
- 18 just been extended three months.
- 19 DALE: You mean three *extra* months before I get my license?
- 20 OFFICER: That's exactly what I mean.
- 21 DALE: No jail time?
- 22 OFFICER: Not this time.
- 23 DALE: Well, that's good anyway. I hate to become a
- 24 hardened criminal before I turn thirteen.
- 25 OFFICER: You're well on your way. Let's go. *(They exit.)*

41. The Spelling Bee

Topic: A student gets ready for that all-too-familiar spelling bee.

Cast:

ADELLE: panicked, frightened, fidgeting
BRIANNA and EBONY: supportive, kind friends

- 1 *(Scene opens as ADELLE is pacing back and forth on the*
- 2 *stage. BRIANNA and EBONY are trying to keep her calm.)*
- 3 ADELLE: *(Whining)* I look awful.
- 4 BRIANNA: You don't look awful.
- 5 EBONY: You look beautiful.
- 6 ADELLE: *(Feeling her hair)* My hair is sticking out like a rag
- 7 doll's.
- 8 EBONY: It is not! Your hair looks fine.
- 9 ADELLE: I have a huge pimple on my forehead.
- 10 BRIANNA: No one will ever notice it.
- 11 ADELLE: Everyone will laugh at me.
- 12 BRIANNA: *(Puts her hands on her shoulders.)* Adelle, you have
- 13 to calm down. No one will laugh at you.
- 14 EBONY: Stop worrying, Adelle. You're gonna do great.
- 15 ADELLE: *(Mounting nervous)* You don't know that. I'm
- 16 going to do terribly. I'm so nervous.
- 17 BRIANNA: *(Trying to be convincing and comforting)* Don't be
- 18 nervous. Adelle, you won the spelling bee fair and
- 19 square. You're going to beat every kid here.
- 20 ADELLE: I am not. I know I'm not. Did you see that girl from
- 21 Georgia? She looks smart — you can tell.
- 22 EBONY: She does not. She looks even more nervous than
- 23 you do.
- 24 BRIANNA: I think I saw her throwing up in the bathroom.
- 25 ADELLE: Don't give me any ideas! Did you see my mom?
- 26 Where's my mom?! I can't go on without my mother!