

- 1        Together! We'll go to the beach and chill out.
- 2    SUPERHERO 4: Count me in!
- 3    SUPERHERO 1 and SUPERHERO 2: Me too.
- 4    SUPERHERO 3: Then we're all set ... wait ... did you hear that?
- 5        Was that a woman ...
- 6    SUPERHERO 4: ... screaming?
- 7    ALL: I'm off! (*Scatter in different directions.*)

## The School Talent Show

### CHARACTERS

(7 Girls or Guys, Mixed)

**Judge 1:** Mean judge who only points out the negative.

**Judge 2:** Nice judge who always finds something positive to say, especially in response to the negative comments made by Judge 1.

**Judge 3:** Impatient judge who doesn't really care one way or another. Just wants to be done. Checks watch a lot.

**Contestant 1:** Juggler who starts with 3 balls (or oranges), immediately drops one, and continues on with just two.

**Contestant 2:** Does a humorous interpretation of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

**Contestant 3:** Sings "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" very off-key. Screechy. As bad as you can make it.

**Contestant 4:** Dancer who can't dance.

*Note: You can add or remove contestants as necessary to fit the number of actors. If desired, come up with additional contestants and ad-lib the responses.*

### SETTING

This takes place in a gymnasium, cafeteria, or stage. One table set up either Stage Right or Stage Left has three chairs for the Judges. Contestants enter to Center Stage.

1 (CONTESTANT 1 enters with three balls or oranges.)  
 2 JUDGE 2: (Very perky and nice) Welcome to Spring Middle School  
 3 Talent Show tryouts. What are you going to do for us  
 4 today?  
 5 JUDGE 1: (Sarcastically) Well, let's see. He's holding three balls.  
 6 Maybe he's going to sing?  
 7 CONTESTANT 1: (Clueless) No. I'm going to juggle. (JUDGE 1  
 8 rolls eyes and moves head to show obvious disgust in the idiocy  
 9 of the contestant and JUDGE 2.)  
 10 JUDGE 3: (Ignoring JUDGE 1) Great. So, let's see what you've  
 11 got, OK? (CONTESTANT 1 starts to juggle with three balls.  
 12 Immediately drops one, but keeps going with just two.)  
 13 JUDGE 1: Whoa. OK. Let's stop right there. I think we've seen  
 14 enough.  
 15 CONTESTANT 1: But I can go way longer than that.  
 16 JUDGE 1: I bet you can. Who can't?  
 17 JUDGE 2: Not everyone can juggle.  
 18 JUDGE 1: Apparently. Not even — I'm sorry, what's your name?  
 19 CONTESTANT 1: Johnny the Juggler! (Can be Janice the Juggler,  
 20 if desired.)  
 21 JUDGE 1: I'm pretty sure you meant Johnny the Jughead.  
 22 JUDGE 2: Be nice. Juggling is a hard thing to do. I thought you  
 23 started out quite well.  
 24 JUDGE 1: For the two seconds all three balls were in the air?  
 25 That's not juggling.  
 26 CONTESTANT 1: You didn't let me try long enough.  
 27 JUDGE 1: Were you going to add another ball back into the air?  
 28 CONTESTANT 1: Well ... no. I haven't quite figured out how to  
 29 get it back once I've dropped one.  
 30 JUDGE 1: There really is no point then, now is there?  
 31 CONTESTANT 1: But I was doing really good with two.  
 32 JUDGE 1: You do understand the concept of juggling, don't  
 33 you?  
 34 JUDGE 3: (Ignoring JUDGE 1 and being nice to CONTESTANT 1) So  
 35 why do you think you should be on the show?

1 CONTESTANT 1: Nobody juggles like I do.  
 2 JUDGE 1: You can say that again. Most jugglers actually  
 3 juggle.  
 4 JUDGE 2: Maybe you could practice and try again next year.  
 5 Thanks so much for stopping by though! I thought you  
 6 were quite entertaining.  
 7 JUDGE 1: Maybe if he were a monkey.  
 8 JUDGE 3: Next! (CONTESTANT 1 walks off. CONTESTANT 2 enters  
 9 with all sorts of props.)  
 10 JUDGE 2: And what are you going to do for us today?  
 11 CONTESTANT 2: I'm going to do an interpretation of "Mary Had  
 12 a Little Lamb."  
 13 JUDGE 3: Well, that sounds interesting.  
 14 JUDGE 1: (Mutters.) For a preschooler.  
 15 JUDGE 2: Please. Whenever you're ready. (CONTESTANT 2 should  
 16 have various props and pull them out while reciting the nursery  
 17 rhyme. The tackier, the better. For example, shredded paper for  
 18 "snow." "Fleas" instead of "fleece." Most importantly, the "lamb"  
 19 should not be a lamb. Any other stuffed animal will do. Change  
 20 the responses below to fit the stuffed animal. To shorten or  
 21 lengthen the play, JUDGE 1 can interrupt the performance at any  
 22 time.)  
 23 JUDGE 1: Well, that was interesting.  
 24 JUDGE 2: I know! Wasn't it?  
 25 CONTESTANT 2: (Smiles and bows.) Thank you.  
 26 JUDGE 1: You misunderstand. It wasn't a compliment.  
 27 JUDGE 3: I've never seen anything quite like that before.  
 28 JUDGE 1: There's a reason for that. It was pure nonsense. A  
 29 complete waste of everyone's time. The lamb was a stuffed  
 30 dog for Pete's sake.  
 31 JUDGE 2: Well, she did say it was an "interpretation." Maybe in  
 32 this story the lamb is really a dog.  
 33 JUDGE 1: With fleas apparently. You do know what fleece is ...  
 34 oh, never mind. There's really no point, is there?  
 35 JUDGE 2: I found it amusing. Though I was confused about the

1 dog. Maybe if you made it clearer that the lamb was really  
 2 a dog?

3 CONTESTANT 2: But the lamb is really a lamb.

4 JUDGE 3: That looks like a dog.

5 CONTESTANT 2: No, it's just a lamb. Only I didn't have a lamb  
 6 so I brought my sister's stuffed dog. But look. If you  
 7 squint, it kind of looks like a lamb.

8 JUDGE 1: Are you kidding me? It's spotted! Have you ever seen  
 9 a spotted lamb before?

10 CONTESTANT 2: Well, no. Actually, I've never seen any kind of  
 11 lamb before.

12 JUDGE 1: Really? I find that hard to believe. You sure seem like  
 13 you're right off the farm. In fact, throw a plaid shirt on you  
 14 and you'd be right at home.

15 CONTESTANT 2: *(Not getting the insult)* Nope. I'm not from a  
 16 farm. I swear. But I could visit my uncle's farm if that  
 17 would help.

18 JUDGE 1: Honestly. Nothing's going to help that act. Please,  
 19 take your dog and fleas and get out of here. *(CONTESTANT*  
 20 *2 gathers items and heads Off-Stage.)*

21 JUDGE 2: *(Yells after contestant.)* If it helps, I really liked the  
 22 "snow" part!

23 JUDGE 3: Next! *(CONTESTANT 3 enters. Microphone for a prop.)*  
 24 What are you going to perform for us today?

25 CONTESTANT 3: I'm going to sing "Somewhere Over the  
 26 Rainbow."

27 JUDGE 1: Let's cut to the chase. Can you actually sing?

28 CONTESTANT 3: My grandma says I sing like an angel. She  
 29 keeps begging me to sing with her church choir.

30 JUDGE 1: And does "grandma" wear a hearing aid? Or is she  
 31 deaf?

32 JUDGE 2: Now that's just mean. Please, ignore him. The past  
 33 few contestants have made him a bit grumpy.

34 JUDGE 3: This is my favorite song. I can't wait to hear it!

35 JUDGE 1: Betcha won't be saying that in a moment.

1 JUDGE 2: *(Gives mean look to JUDGE 1, then waves to*  
 2 *CONTESTANT 3.)* Please, whenever you're ready.

3 CONTESTANT 3: *(Does some obnoxious clearing of her throat, some*  
 4 *humming to warm up throat, etc., then starts belting out the*  
 5 *song. Sings as badly as possible.)*

6 JUDGE 1: *(Can wait as little or as long as desired. Probably after a*  
 7 *few lines would be best before interrupting. Holds out a tissue to*  
 8 *CONTESTANT 3.)* OK, OK! Here you go. *(Has to speak loud*  
 9 *over the singing.)*

10 CONTESTANT 3: *(Stops singing, and looking confused, takes the*  
 11 *tissue.)* What's this for?

12 JUDGE 1: Your cold.

13 CONTESTANT 3: I don't have a cold.

14 JUDGE 1: Really. That nasal sound was on purpose?

15 CONTESTANT 3: Well ... I ... sometimes I do get allergies.  
 16 Maybe I am a little stuffed up ...

17 JUDGE 3: Some of the notes were really high.

18 JUDGE 1: It sounded like a cat in a bag being hit with a stick.  
 19 Honestly, I thought maybe my chair was sitting on some  
 20 poor cat's tail.

21 JUDGE 2: Certainly you have a unique voice. That is an awfully  
 22 hard song to sing. Maybe you could try something else.

23 JUDGE 1: Really? Really? You want me to sit through more of  
 24 that? There isn't enough migraine medicine in the world to  
 25 endure another round of screeching!

26 JUDGE 3: I'm sorry. But maybe this contest isn't for you.

27 JUDGE 2: Maybe you could sing for your grandma's church choir  
 28 after all.

29 JUDGE 1: Better yet. Try singing at the Retirement Home. Just  
 30 make sure they all have their hearing aids turned off!

31 JUDGE 3: Next! *(CONTESTANT 4 doesn't just walk in, tries to*  
 32 *moonwalk in. To make it funnier, could have on leg warmers,*  
 33 *wrist bands, headband — the works.)*

34 JUDGE 1: Let me guess — dancer?

35 CONTESTANT 4: Yes.

- 1 **JUDGE 1:** Next! (*CONTESTANT 4 looks confused and starts to walk*  
2 *off.*)
- 3 **JUDGE 2:** Wait! He was just kidding. Please come back.  
4 (*CONTESTANT 4 walks back, smiling happily. Can moonwalk*  
5 *back for added effect.*)
- 6 **JUDGE 1:** Actually, I wasn't.
- 7 **JUDGE 2:** Come on. Give the guy a chance.
- 8 **JUDGE 1:** Judging from the entrance, there's really no need,  
9 now is there?
- 10 **JUDGE 2:** (*To CONTESTANT 4*) Why don't you go ahead and show  
11 us what you've got? (*CONTESTANT 4 turns on music and*  
12 *begins to dance as badly as possible.*)
- 13 **JUDGE 1:** Like I said, next!
- 14 **JUDGE 2:** (*Shaking head and sighing loudly*) At this rate, we  
15 won't have anyone for our show.
- 16 **JUDGE 1:** Better no show than what we've seen here today.  
17 What a bunch of morons. I can do better than all of them  
18 put together!
- 19 **JUDGE 2:** Fine. Show us what you've got. (*JUDGE 1 goes to*  
20 *Center Stage and starts his act. This can be up to the actor –*  
21 *maybe singing, reading a poem, acting out a scene from*  
22 *Shakespeare, etc. Whatever it is, do it badly!*)
- 23 **JUDGE 2 and 3:** Next!

## Three Boys and a Baby

### CHARACTERS

(3 Guys)

**Bryce:** Guy who wants to be a babysitter. Thinks it will be awesome spending time with little kids and needs the money.

**Elliott:** Thinks Bryce is crazy.

**Caymen:** Gives Bryce a hard time even though he has younger siblings who he has to baby-sit sometimes.

### SETTING

Elliott's house; hanging out after school.