



**A Cunning Plan**

**and**

**The Holiday  
Nobody Wanted**



**PM**

**reader's theatre**

# PM Oral Literacy



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## **A Cunning Plan and The Holiday Nobody Wanted    Levels 25–26**

### **Purpose**

To extend speaking and listening skills to an advanced level, through role play.

### **Student Outcomes**

- Presents competently to an audience in a variety of roles.
- Engages the audience skilfully, using humour effectively.

### **Key Teaching Points    PM Reader's Theatre**

- Discuss the personality of each character in relation to the role and setting.
- Encourage independent role-play practice followed by peer analysis.
- Use an audio device to improve performances.
- Acknowledge that the characters appear in both plays.

### **Links with Other Levels 25 and 26**

#### **PM Reader's Theatre**

*The Goat Problem and Lost on the Goldfields*

*The Roman Coin and Waa, Sugo, Yuki!*

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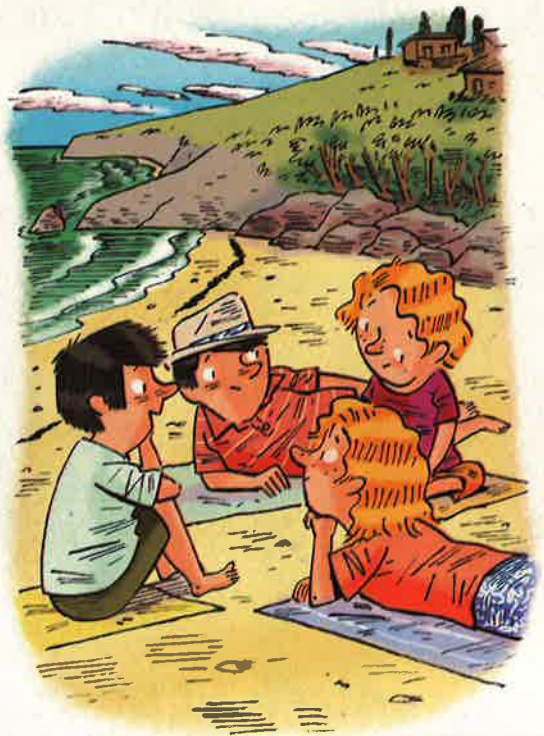
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# A Cunning Plan

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## Characters



**Narrator**



**Max**

Monica and Rachel's cousin



**Monica**

11 years old



**Gus**

Max's younger brother



**Rachel**

Monica's younger sister



**Karen**

Max and Gus's mum



**Julia**

Monica and Rachel's mum



**Dimitri**

Max and Gus's dad



**Rob**

Monica and Rachel's dad



**Harry**

Gus's friend

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### **Narrator**

It was the weekend, and Monica and Rachel were at home playing board games with their cousins, Max and Gus. They were all due at the boys' place for lunch.

Max was annoyed because the girls had won every game so far.

### **Max**

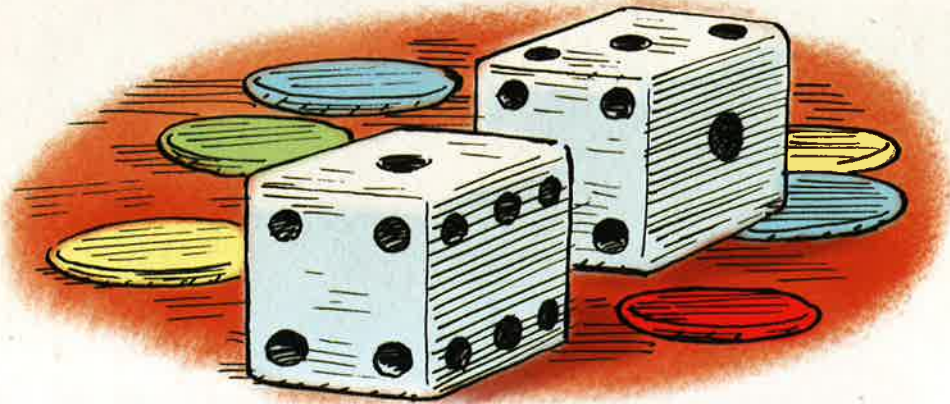
Come on, let's stop playing board games! My parents will be expecting us soon. Let's have a race to our place.

### **Monica**

Max, you're the school sprinting champ. What chance do we have against you?

### **Gus**

Yes, and because I'm the youngest, I'm sure to come last!





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**Rachel**

Why don't we race in teams? Monica and I against you two boys. The first team to touch your front gate is the winner!

**Monica**

The losers have to do the dishes after lunch!

**Max** (enthusiastically)

Okay! You know, our dad's got cooking fever at the moment. He's always watching that TV show, *Top Chef*, and trying to make the most complicated recipes.

**Rachel** (rubbing her stomach)

Lucky you! Uncle Dimitri's a great cook!

**Max** (groaning)

Yeah, the food *is* great, but he uses *every* dish in the kitchen!



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**Gus** (quietly, to Max)

But, Max, if we're in a team together, I might slow you down.

**Max** (whispering to Gus)

Don't worry, I have a plan ... a cunning plan.

(to the girls)

Yes, Gus and I are definitely up for it!

**Monica**

I'll ask Mum and Dad to start the race, so there's no cheating.





### **Narrator**

They all went outside. Rachel was whispering something to Monica that made them both giggle, while the boys were whispering tactics.



### **Julia**

Okay, everyone. Take the walking track next to the beach, then up the steps, past the lighthouse and along the street to Karen and Dimitri's place.

### **Rob**

We'll meet you there for lunch. Are you ready? On your marks, get set, GO!

### **Narrator**

The teams raced to the end of the road, where the walking track began.

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