



Read the \$#@^%*! Cues!

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Difficulty

Easy

NOTE: This puzzle was a “live event” that required the team to improvise a scene while looking at clues shown in a PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint deck is not available in the archive, but the content of the presentation is in the solution to this puzzle.

The studio writers are working on a script, but they’ve run into writer’s block. At the appointed time, take your entire team of actors to the local office to act out the written lines and then improvise the rest of this story. The writers will give you hints to help solve this puzzling plot.

NOTE: The puzzle on the reverse side of this page will require you to cut up the paper. This puzzle is available electronically on the website, and copies will be available when you show up for your appointment.

Characters:

Keeper: The venerable and highly experienced zoo keeper. The keeper is the leading expert on zoos and animals.

Assistant: The zoo keeper’s eager but inexperienced assistant

Parent: The parent for the small child.

Child: A small child, aged 8 who loves animals because they are cute.

Setting: All four characters are at a zoo. The parent and child are walking up to the giraffe exhibit. The muffled sound of an alarm can be heard in the background.

Child: Oh, oh, look at the giraffe!

Parent: Isn’t it cool how they use their long neck to reach the top leaves of the trees?

Child: Yeah, I wish I had a long neck. It would make it easier to get the cookies above the fridge.

[Running sounds as Keeper and Assistant enter from stage right]

Keeper: How many times is this going to happen?! The zoo can’t afford another komodo dragon incident.

Assistant: I TRIED! The gorilla hit me and then ran off toward the petting zoo before I could lock the paddock!

Keeper: So why are you bleeding? Those look like teeth marks! Never mind, we have to contain it quickly!

[Keeper runs into the parent, knocking the keeper and parent over. They look up at each other]

Keeper: ...