

Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF)
2024-2025 Set Pieces for Asia Division

FINAL

Monologue
Born in 2011-2012

Choice A
Time Limit:
4 minutes

Almost

By Gabriel Davis

TEENAGER: Dad, you will let me take the car myself. I'm going to take my test in two weeks and I know I'll pass. Yeah, technically you should be in the car with me, technically I have to wait two weeks to do my test, but I'll get my licence then...

You know I can drive, you told me I'm better than Mum. I can three-point turn, parallel-park, and I observe the Highway Code like a religion. You know I'm good at it.

This is so unfair. You're going to ruin me socially. The coolest kids in the year, the ones whose parents are all probably making huge donations at Mum's charity do tonight. They started talking to me because they needed a lift to the dance. And I said 'I can take you.' And then they said, 'cool'. And I've been hanging out with them every day this week, and they're all so excited.

You weren't even supposed to have a fever and be stuck at home tonight. If I let them down...I'll be a social outcast. I'll hear about this till we leave school. I will be marked, mocked, and probably shunned. My entire high school experience will become hell.

I'm not being dramatic. I'm being accurate, Dad. So I'm begging you... just.....just go to sleep. You have a fever you know. You need your rest. Just, I'll still be here when you wake up in exactly three hours. Right before Mum gets back. Please Dad. My life depends on it.

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Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

By Roald Dahl, adapted by Richard George

VIOLET BEAUREGARDE: My name is Violet. Violet Beauregarde. I'm a gum chewer normally, but when I heard about these ticket things of Mr Wonka's, I laid off the gum and switch to candy bars in the hope of striking it lucky. Now, of course, I'm right back on the gum. I just adore gum. I can't do without it. I munch it all day long except at meal times when I stick it behind my ear for safe-keeping.

To tell you the honest truth, I simply wouldn't feel comfortable if I didn't have that little wedge of gum to chew on every moment of the day, I really wouldn't! My mother says it's not ladylike and it looks ugly to see a girl's jaws going up and down like mine do all the time, but I don't agree. And who's she to criticise, anyway, because if you ask me, I'd say that her jaws are going up and down almost as much as mine are just from yelling at me every minute of the day.

And now, it may interest you to know that this piece of gum here is one that I've been chewing on for three months solid, and that's a world record! It has beaten the record held by my best friend, Miss Cornelia, and was she mad! Hi, Cornelia, how are you sweetie? This gum here is my most treasured possession. At nights I just stick it on the end of my bedpost, and it is as good as ever in the mornings!