

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

Monologue
Born in 2009-2010

Choice A
Time Limit:
4 minutes

Golden Girls

By Louise Page

(HILARY DAVENPORT, a smart assertive business woman, is the sponsor of a group of highly ambitious female athletes. As the representative of “Golden Girls” shampoo, she is determined to promote the image of the brand, in this scene she advises the girls on how best to improve their public relations technique.)

HILARY: I'd like to spend a few minutes with you on the do's and don'ts of being the Golden Girls squad. We don't believe that sponsors should interfere with their ... er...— there's not really a word for it — those we're sponsoring. But if you work for any organisation there are a few ground rules. I've brought with me several crates of Golden Girls shampoo and from now on I'd ask you only to use Golden Girls.

I've brought up your tracksuits and running togs. I know yellow doesn't suit everybody - But I think our designers have managed to find a shade that will do justice to all of you. We're keen for you to wear these at all times. No one wants to lay down rules of behaviour to grown women but I think you must all realise that being a Golden Girl has certain responsibilities.

Obviously we want winners but if you don't win, don't forget the glory there is to be obtained by being a good loser. I think we'd all agree that we wouldn't look up to a heroine who swears like a trooper, even if she has just lost. The last thing I want to say is you'll find it difficult in interviews - people will do everything they can to avoid you mentioning the name of the product. But the more accidental slips you make the more you help our sales and consequently what we can invest in you. It can become a little game. We're going to reward you with an extra \$100 in your trust funds every time you manage to mention Golden Girls. Most of all I want you to enjoy the benefits that our sponsorship can give you and to put everything you can to triumph in Athens. Do that and we'll see where we can go from there.

- The End-

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Dear Evan Hansen

By Steven Levenson

EVAN HANSEN: Dear Evan Hansen, Today is going to be an amazing day and here's why: because, uh, because today all you have to do is just be yourself. But also confident; that's super important. And interesting. Easy to talk to. Approachable. And intellig— but, just be yourself!! That's number one: be yourself. Be true to yourself!

Also, don't worry if your hands are going to get sweaty for no reason and you can't make it stop no matter what you do because — no, they're not going to get sweaty. So I don't even know why I'm bringing it up because it is not going to happen.

I'm not even worried about it though, seriously, because it's not going to be like that one time you had the perfect chance to introduce yourself to Zoe Murphy at the band concert last year — that time when you waited afterwards just to talk to her and tell her how good she was and, like, you were going to pretend to be so casual like you didn't even know her name. She would introduce herself and then you'd be like, "Sorry, I didn't hear you. Chloe?" And then she would be like, "No, it's Zoe." And you'd be like, "Oh, see I thought you said Chloe because I'm just— I'm very busy with...uh, other stuff right now."

But you didn't even end up saying anything to her anyway because you were scared your hands were sweaty...which, they weren't, really. They weren't sweaty until you started worrying that they were sweaty, which made them sweaty, so you put them under the hand dryer in the bathroom. But then they were still sweaty...and just, uh, very warm as well.

- The End-