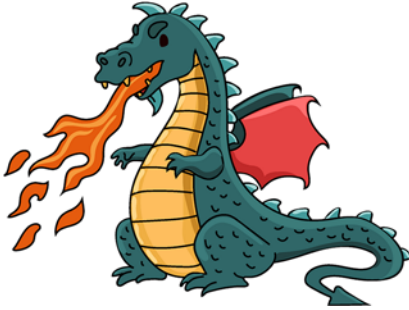


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Read In Role

Directions: Read the passage below silently to understand the story. Choose one of the three characters: **The Old Wizard, The Brave Knight, or The Nervous Villager.** Read the passage aloud as if *you were that character.* Use your voice to match the character's personality: slow and wise for the wizard, bold and strong for the knight, or shaky and timid for the villager.

The Dragon's Arrival

The village square was buzzing with fear as smoke curled over the hills. An enormous dragon had been spotted nearby, and the people gathered quickly to decide what to do. Sir Cedric, the brave knight, gripped his shining sword and promised to defend everyone. Beside him, a frail villager wrung his hands, whispering about fleeing before it was too late. Suddenly, the old wizard raised his staff and spoke in a calm, echoing voice. "Do not fear," he said, "for courage, wisdom, and unity will guide us." The crowd fell silent, waiting to see whose plan they would follow.

Follow-Up Questions:

1. Which character's voice did you choose, and why?

2. How did changing your voice help the story feel more real?

3. If you had to read the passage as *all three characters*, which one would be the hardest for you, and why?
