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Whisper To Stage

Directions: Read the passage below three times.

- First, deliver the character lines in a **whisper**.
- Second, read them in a **normal speaking tone**.
- Third, use **projection** (a louder, stage-ready voice).

Keep the narrator voice steady and neutral. Focus on how changing the **volume** changes the meaning, mood, or effect of the characters' words. Answer the reflection questions after reading.

The Secret Tunnel

The children crept through the dark cave, their lantern flickering.

Lila: Did you hear that noise behind us?

Jonas: Shhh... don't scare me. It's probably just bats.

Mara: Look! A tunnel carved into the wall—it might lead outside.

Lila: Then let's hurry before anyone finds us here.

The three friends stepped forward, their shadows dancing on the stone.

1. How did the meaning of Lila's words change when whispered, spoken normally, and projected?

2. Which character line sounded most dramatic when projected?

3. Why is practicing with different volumes important for reading fluency?

