

Monologue Mastery Answer Key

Suggested Answers:

1. The captain feels **determination, pride, and encouragement**, with a touch of seriousness.
2. Emphasis should be placed on words like **“not let despair sink this ship,” “trust me now,” “honor,” “loyalty,”** and **“refused to surrender.”**
3. Slowing down on emotional lines gives weight to the speech, while slight pauses before strong phrases (e.g., “That, my friends...”) make the delivery more dramatic and engaging.

Teacher Notes

- Model the monologue once, showing how **tone shifts** between calm encouragement and bold inspiration.
- Remind students that monologues are longer, so **breath control** and **pacing** are important.
- Encourage rereading: first focus on accuracy, second on tone, third on dramatic delivery.
- Extension: Students can write a short **original monologue** (e.g., a coach motivating a team, a hero preparing for a challenge) and read it aloud to practice tone and pacing in their own words.