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Voice Pace Challenge

Directions: Read the scene below aloud with a partner or group. The first time through, read each character's dialogue **very slowly** while still keeping the correct tone and emotion. The second time through, read each line **quickly** but still keep expression clear. Compare how the meaning or mood changed depending on speed.

Scene: *The Clock Tower Mystery*

Narrator: At the edge of town stood an ancient clock tower that hadn't chimed in years.

Detective Mira: (serious) The gears are jammed, but someone tampered with them on purpose.

Assistant Leo: (excited) Do you think it's a secret thief? Or maybe a ghost?

Old Keeper Rowan: (slow and gruff) Hmph. Ghosts don't fix clocks. But thieves... they might.

Detective Mira: (firm) Then we'll keep watch tonight. The truth will strike with the hour.

1. Which line sounded more dramatic when read slowly?

2. Which line was funniest or most surprising when read quickly?

3. Why is it important to keep expression, even when changing speed?
