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Character Shift Reading

Directions: Read the passage below aloud. Each time a new character speaks, **switch your voice** to match that character's personality. Use changes in pitch, tone, speed, and expression to make the dialogue sound lively. After reading, answer the reflection questions.

Passage: The Midnight Library

Librarian Thorne: (calm, mysterious) Shhh... the library doors are closed, yet you still wander in.

Ella (student): (curious, nervous) I didn't mean to sneak inside. I just needed one more book.

Cat Whiskerclaw: (playful, sly) One more book, you say? Then you'll owe me a favor, little reader.

Janitor Hugo: (gruff, tired) Bah! Talking cats and secret visitors... this library grows stranger by the night.

Librarian Thorne: (firm, wise) Enough chatter. The shelves hold secrets only the brave may uncover.

Reflection Questions:

1. Which character's voice was easiest for you to perform, and why?

2. Which character's voice was the hardest to switch into?

3. How did switching voices help you understand the story better?
