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Storyteller vs. Character

Directions: Read the passage below aloud. Use a **neutral, steady voice** for the **narrator** parts. When a **character speaks**, shift into an **expressive character voice** that shows personality and emotion. After reading, complete the reflection questions.

The Stubborn Donkey

The village market was crowded on Saturday morning. Stalls overflowed with fruits, cloth, and bright trinkets. “Come along, Donkey!” called Farmer Leo, tugging on the rope. But the donkey planted its hooves firmly in the dirt.

“I’m not moving another step,” it brayed stubbornly, earning chuckles from the nearby children. Farmer Leo sighed. “If you won’t move, I’ll have to carry the apples myself.” The crowd laughed louder as the donkey flicked its ears proudly.

Reflection Questions:

1. How did you make the narrator's voice sound different from the characters' voices?

2. Which character voice was easier for you—Farmer Leo or the donkey? Why?

3. Why is it important to separate narrator and character voices when reading aloud?
