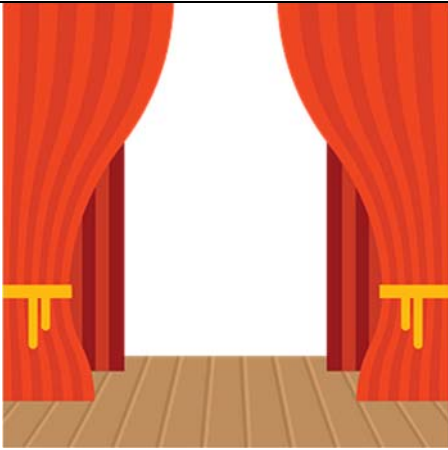




Name _____

Talent Tryout

Directions: Read the story. Answer the questions about how the character feels and **why**.

Nora stood behind the curtain in the school gym and held her paper with shaking hands. She had practiced her poem every night in her room, but the sound of the crowd made her stomach feel tight. When her name was called, she took a deep breath and walked onto the stage. After she finished reading, the audience clapped loudly and her teacher gave her a big thumbs up.

1. How does Nora feel at the beginning of the story?

2. Why does she feel that way?

3. How does Nora feel at the end of the story?

4. What happens that causes her feeling to change?