Stage Directions

Stage directions describe characters’ emotions or actions; they help actors interpret scripts. The short script below has several stage directions, but some words have been left out. Fill in the blanks by scrambling the letters in one of the words the character speaks in that line. For example,

JOHN (looking very __ __ __ __ __): I tried, but I couldn’t do it.

Scramble the letters in one of the words John says until you spell a word that makes sense in the stage direction. In this case, you can scramble the word tried to form tired; the stage direction should read looking very tired:

JOHN (looking very tired): I tried, but I couldn’t do it.

For each missing word below, complete the stage direction by scrambling one word in the character’s line.

THE LOST RING

FRANCINE is sitting at a table, reading. FRANK enters.

FRANK (loudly, with a big __ __ __ __ __): Look! I found your ring!

FRANCINE (with a wide __ __ __ __ __ __): Wonderful! I’ve walked for miles looking for it.

FRANK: Here you are. (He gives the ring to FRANCINE.)

FRANCINE: Thank you! Where was it?

FRANK (in a __ __ __ __ __ __ voice than before): In the forest.

FRANCINE (putting her hand to her __ __ __ __ __ __): Why are you whispering?

FRANK (still speaking softly): Because we’re in the library.

FRANCINE: You’re right. We should go celebrate!

FRANK (looking excited and __ __ __ __ __ __): I agree. Let’s go!

They exit.

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**STAGE DIRECTIONS**

- looking excited and eager (voice) 
- putting her hand to her ear (ear) 
- in a softer voice than before (softer) 
- with a wide smile (smile) 
- loudly, with a big grin (grin)