



Lots of Talent

Part 1

Teacher Reads A talent show is an opportunity for people to show off their special skills, such as singing a song, dancing, or playing an instrument. Talent shows may be put on to raise money for a good cause. Let's read about one talent show.

“This talent show is way more work than I thought it
11 would be,” Jasmin said to Marcus with a frown. “I thought
22 all I'd have to do is judge the acts on stage and proclaim the
36 winner. But I have been holding tryouts all week and there
47 are still more to come.”

52 “Hold on, hold on,” said Marcus, trying to speak up.

62 Jasmin kept going. “I also have to talk Ms. Powers
72 into printing the tickets for a low price. And I need to
84 find someone to work the lights. I could really use your
95 assistance, Marcus.”

97 “I don't know exactly what I can do, Jasmin,” Marcus said,
108 “but I will help any way I can. Ms. Powers owns Comics Plus,
121 that store downtown on Page Street, right? I can go down
132 there after school. Maybe I can convince her to print the
143 tickets at a discount. After all, it is for a good cause.”



Part 2

Teacher Reads The talent show will raise money for the school jazz band, which is a good cause. When events are held for a good cause, donors may help out by providing things that are needed. Read on to find out if Ms. Powers will become a donor for the talent show.

155 At Jasmin's house later, Marcus said, "Well, the ticket
164 problem is solved. At first, Ms. Powers said she would give
175 us a discount, but I explained that the talent show will raise
187 funds for the school jazz band. Then she agreed to print
198 the tickets for free! Somehow, I think it had something to
209 do with the fact that her uncle is the band leader," he said,
222 grinning. "Anyway, what's next on the list?"

229 Jasmin found her list and checked it. "We still need
239 someone to sell tickets, someone to show people to their
249 seats, someone to work the lights, and a clean-up crew for
261 after the show. Those are the main tasks," she said.

271 "Let's talk to some friends at school," Marcus said.
280 "Between the two of us, we should be able to find people for
293 all those jobs."

Part 3

Teacher Reads Jasmin and Marcus are working hard on the talent show. Read on to find out if things are getting done on schedule.

296 The talent show was just a few days away. Jasmin had to
308 choose the final lineup of acts. She told Marcus, "There are
319 too many dance teams and skits about school. There must
329 be someone out there who can do stand-up jokes or sing
341 or something."

343 Then Jasmin asked Marcus how the ticket sales
351 were going.

353 "It seems a little slow," Marcus said. "But it's hard to tell.
365 I think most people are waiting to get their tickets on the
377 night of the show. You just keep working on the show itself.
389 I'm sure we will have a big crowd."

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