



Storytelling Contest
Invitational 2019-20

“Whispers”

Major Elements of the Plot

Grades 2 and 3

Directions to Contest Directors: Give a copy of this sheet to each judge before the contest begins.

Directions to Judges: Each speaker must include at least one of the following elements from the story in his or her presentation. Words may vary. It is up to the judge to decide if the speaker has included one of the elements.

1. Brett is an extremely quiet student. As the youngest of six siblings, Brett can never get a word in.
2. The principal at Bret’s school, Mrs. Dingle, makes an announcement that there will be a special guest at an assembly that afternoon.
3. At the assembly, a performer, Karen, brings on a ventriloquist dummy named Cleo. Karen is quiet, but Cleo is loud.
4. That night, Brett makes a “shiny robot puppet” and hides it in a box as a surprise. During class, Brett gets out the puppet to answer questions with a “loud voice.”
5. Gradually, Brett’s own voice gets louder as he uses the puppet. To the point where Brett no longer needs the puppet as he is “not afraid to talk only in a whisper.”