

## Reading out loud tips

**Select a suitable excerpt.** Choose a passage where something is happening. An appealing text requires action, suspense, and humour. Long-winded descriptions are of little interest to your listeners. Note that for this challenge you have anything between 2 min 45 seconds to 3 min 30 seconds at your disposal.

**Prep your text.** Mark the places where you want to pause for effect. Mark difficult words or names. Work with different colours for direct speech, so that you can vary your voice accordingly.

**Read loud and clear.** Take your time, articulate clearly and pace yourself. Give your listeners time to identify with the story.

**Read vividly.** Use your voice to highlight interesting passages, but don't overdo it. It's interesting if you modulate your voice when you read. This way, you give each person in the story its very own character.

**Use pauses.** Lower your voice at the end of the sentence and take short, focused pauses. This increases your listeners' attention and creates suspense.

**Read fluently.** A good reader always prepares. Read your text several times quietly so that you can detect difficult passages in advance. This allows you to read the text with greater ease afterwards.