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CHARACTER LINES

For this *on camera exercise*, choose one line of dialogue from the following pages.

Set up your camera or phone like you would for filming a self-tape:

- neutral background with no distractions (i.e. blank wall)
- light reflected in your eyes (“eyelight”)
- the place you’re looking close to the camera (“eyeline”)
- camera in horizontal position (if using a phone)
- stand in one spot close to camera (“mark”)
- only show top of head to armpits (“medium closeup”)

Now record yourself doing the line one or more times:

- I. As simply and neutrally as possible. Just say the words, like they are facts, without trying to “act” them. This is your baseline, your “natural” or “believable” take.
- II. Choose what happens in the story before you say your line, and add at least five seconds of you seeing, hearing, or reacting to that. Keep all your “eyelines” close to the camera. Sounds are okay, but don’t add any words. This is your “moment before” take.
- III. Choose what happens in the story right after you say your line, and add at least five seconds of you seeing, hearing, or reacting to that. Keep all your “eyelines” close to the camera. Sounds are okay, but don’t add any words. This is your “moment after” take.
- IV. Choose your strong feeling or opinion about the line you’re saying. This is your “opinion” take.
- V. Choose who you’re saying the line to, and what the relationship is. This is your “relationship” take.
- VI. Choose what you want to make the person that you’re talking to **do** or **feel**, and use the line to try and make them do or feel that. Don’t add any words. This is your “objective” take.
- VII. Move your body in a way that helps tell the story with this line. Take a step towards your mark or away from it, pretend to pick something up or put it down, open or close a door, etc. If you touch imaginary objects (i.e. “mime”) keep your hands at waist level where the camera can’t see them. This is your “physicality” take.
- VIII. Put all of the first seven steps together. This take should be at least fifteen seconds long, with more listening, seeing and reacting than speaking. This is your “good acting” take.
- IX. Now do it however you want. Change the line. Do an accent. Add weird movement, props, costumes, or character quirks. This is your “acting is supposed to be fun” take 😊

Never again. Never, never again.

Well, that was a success.

God, I'm so smart!

I'm a genius.

Whoah there, slow down and let's go over this again.

I'm going to have to take him out back and shoot him.

That's the last time I trust you.

You sneaky, sneaky... sneak!

Huh. I had no idea that those things could fly.

Sorry, my bad.

Nice to meet you.

Hey there.

Nice fruit.

I'll be back.

Can I sit there?

It's a lovely lovely day.

It's freezing in here.

This shall be the last time.

Nice shoes.

Bye.

I'll risk it all.

I hate math..

I hate my teacher.

I hate school.

Lab report!

What test?

I'm so tired.

I failed.

Got chips?

Double homeworks.

I'm hungry.

I wanna go home.

Hit me up.

Did you hear about it?

She's so hot.

Chiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii.

Nope.

Streaks!

LMAO.

LOL my cat.

I got to tell you all something.

Catch me.

I think she loves me too.

She's such a snob.

I hate him.

Boys are stupid.

Have you seen her outfit?

Like, literally.

I trusted you.

Why did you kill him.

You betrayed me.

A tale told by an idiot.

Once upon a time.

It was a magical night.

I found out I was adopted.

Hold on, it's loading.

I got you fam.

I'll save you.

You shall not pass.

I promise they won't die today.

I'm gonna kill you.

You're dead.

I am your father.

I will contaminate the water supply.

This world is wrong.

You'll never escape.

Make America great again.

Global warming is a lie.

Let's build a wall.

Let's build a tunnel.

You will die!

I'm always the second in class.

Are you sure about this?

Why do I always listen to you?

You have a pop quiz today.

I'll fail you if you don't stop.

Get out.

Oh, me?

I love you.

Lock the door before coming.

You were a mistake.

No tattletaling.

Don't touch my biscuit!

What's in it for me?

Oh. My. God.

I broke a nail.

What's your problem?

What's your ish?

I'm going to eat you.

You're dead meat.

Who is the popular kid?

Like my Instagram post!

It's not a phase.

That's so outdated.

Got a dart?

No one understands me.

You must be a rebel.

Aunt Bill is not going to like that.

Think about your future.

I only go to 99.

I don't know.

I'll do it tomorrow.

Don't worry there's just five days left.

It's not worth that much.

It's only fifteen percent.

I'll make it up later.

It's not important.

I can do it when I want to do it.

That house is empty, let's go inside.

Let's split up.

I might be dumb, but I'm not stupid.

I'm moving to Alaska.

Can I eat this?

Don't touch it!

Oh god why.

Mom you don't know me.

What's it gonna be about?

Don't touch me.

All I want is to go to sleep.

I just want to die.

I don't understand.

Am I in trouble?

Don't put your hand down your pants.

Why would you do that?

We should probably be sent to a mental institution.

I'm always hungry.

Do you have food?

I don't wanna go.

Are we there yet?

Can I borrow a dollar?

He did it first.

That was going to be our grad prank.

Wanna build a snowman?

Oh man I got ninety-seven for that test.

That's not technically possible.

My favourite class is math.

Ew.

My glasses are broken.

It's not a big deal, it's only rocket science.

How do you find X?

Oh I know! I know!

Oh my god, I need to get my nails done.

That's so last week.

Oh my god, Becky.

Hell yeah!

Heck yeah!

I need that shirt.

Don't be stupid.

You're not supposed to say that.

Gimme your lunch money kid.

Meet me outside at 3:00!

I'm seriously scared of being stuffed into a locker.

We stuffed my friend into a locker because he's short enough.

We all ran out so fast, it was so nasty!

Oh that's so cool.

I'm getting out of here.

This isn't a phase.

I see how it is.

It's okay not be okay.

Screw the world.

I'll save you.

I'll get you out of here.

We'll try again tomorrow.

There's no try, only do.

Hindsight is twenty twenty.

At the speed of light!

Not the face! Not the face!

I'm too young!

Hey! That's my snack bar!

Muah-ha-ha-ha-ha!

That's funny.

That's beautiful.

I hate her sooooo much.

We've been friends since we were like two.

You're so dumb.

You spelled that wrong.

Did you know?

Does his hair not look like Leonardo Di Caprio's?

My brother started blowdrying his hair.

I have all these guy friends with better eyebrows than me.

I'm going to steal your hat now.

Just be good.

What are all these guys who are in the hallway?

Bleached hair? Really?

That's so catchy!

We're practically perfect.

That's sick!

That's so weird!

We're the dream team.

That's my favourite.

It literally has nothing to do with that.

I'm just here for the SnapChats.

Of course!

He copied me.

I mean, I get it, but c'mon!

It's so satisfying.

You know that kid I told you about? He's doing it again.

That was tragic.

He's just trying to look cool, honestly.

The cops busted the party.

His dad left him waiting for four hours.

It's just. It's disgusting.

When he's eighty he's going to be even more horrible.

What happened to him, is he still alive?

He's not a real person.

I've been living a lie.

All this time I thought he was dead.

Don't say that!

This is so confusing.

He what?!?!

You remember when that came out?

How can you mix up those two?

Are you talking about the nasal?

I just googled it.

I totally forgot his name.

Would you survive jumping off a bus? It's not that high.

You have the mind of an eight year old.

Those shoes? Ew, no.

What happened to your hair.

I'm so tired.

Last weekend was so fun.

You have nice hair.

I hate that class.

Why am I here?

I wanna leave.

That's me every day.

Clean your room.

How's your day?

You going out in that?

Your grades are slipping.

That test was so easy.

What did you get on your test?

I did your homework for you.

How do I get extra credit?

Your dress is so cute.

That boy won't stop staring at me.

I haven't seen you in forever.

You're so ugly.

Take a picture, it'll last longer.

I totally hate her.

He's really cute.

How many calories are in that?

Is butter a carb?

What does that mean?

I didn't know that.

I can't, I've got to go to the gym.

Where do you buy your protein?

I'm totally against that.

Stick it to the man.

Look! There's a booger hanging out of my nose!

I didn't brush my hair today.

That's hilarious.

I can't believe you did that.

I know who the murderer is.

I heard a sound in the kitchen.

I'll find you.

There's a knock on the door!

He cracked the system!

Don't look behind you.

Who turned out the lights?

They've landed on earth.

Take me to your leader!

The aliens are attacking us!

He turned into a vampire.

He turned into a werewolf.

The disease is spreading.

I saw a fairy under a leaf yesterday.

Why are your ears pointy?

I love you.

Never go away.

Your sparkly.

You're the only one for me.

You look great tonight.

You love someone else?!?

Will you marry me?

I have a boyfriend.

I'm married.

Do you wanna go on a date with me?

Why is the sky purple?

Come meet my kids.

It'll all be okay.

That is just like retardedly messed.

Some people just aren't built for dancing.

I'm not that gullible.

Simon told me you had ESP.

My room! What did you do to my room!?

That is so irresponsible!

What's the big deal?

I don't see what you're getting so upset about.

Marnie? Marnie you're really scaring me.

I'll say fine as many times as I like. Fine. Fine fine fine.

Don't go there.

I love your bracelet... where'd you get it?

Shut up! For real?

I could've told you that.

You'd do anything for money.

Who did it?

Yo thanks for holding it down, holmes.

Peace out, yo.

Why are you acting so weird?

I don't like this place.

It's like she's not really there anymore.

Oh, your mom! I forgot... I'm so sorry.

We don't do this very often, so it's like a totally huge deal.

What did she say?

Let's get out there and kick some ass!

You've been working on your car this whole time?

My dad got it for me.

You get used to it.

I'm new here.

I feel like such an idiot.

See? I blend. And in school that's exactly what you want to do.

That's not a real car.

Maybe he's magic!

She's got special powers.

Yuck, it's dirty.

You don't wear a bra, do you?

I already know how to do it.

Grampa, why do people have to die?

Your friend is losing that badly?

It's embarrassing. Worse, it's humiliating.

My glasses? Uh... uh... I got them at the optometrist.

Me and my friend, we've got this game going.

Okay, time for Plan B.

If we can't even keep the animals out of the house, how can we expect to look after ourselves?

I really don't need a cow in my bedroom.

I'm not running a booth here you know.

I'm sick of you making jokes! This is not a joke!

What if something happens to you?

If I don't get into Harvard, I'll probably stick to consulting.

I don't have a backup... I mean, there is no backup to Harvard.

I have a much more global picture since I came back from Afghanistan.

In some countries, kids are in the army at my age.

I'm the only one of my friends who still has a babysitter.

So suddenly dad's gone and you don't trust me anymore?
I'm not the one who left.

I like a lot of people... that's not the point.

Mom needed you and you didn't get here for three days.

You don't expect much of me, do you?

At least Mom doesn't take me for granted.

Great. Another innocent creature consumed by your insatiable blood lust.

I could do with some fly-fishing.

This is no ordinary game. It makes you see things, do things...

Maybe there's something beyond reason going on here.

No. No no no no no! I can't be stuck in here! This is a disaster!

That's not what the big blue dog says.

Trust me, I'm going to be making your life so miserable.

Okay, miss I'm-spoiled-and-I've-always-had-everything-my-way.

Trust me, I will get this sorted out.

Don't be so sorry for yourself... look what I got stuck with.

She hates everybody... she could kill me right now and nobody'd know for hours.

I've been working on it twenty-four/seven for the past month.

Thanks for keeping my secret, man.

I couldn't wait to see the look on everybody's face.

We thought you weren't coming back to school!

Time for operation Crouching Wildcat, Hidden Bulldog.

There's only one way to guarantee we'll win this game.

That note you got today was from Doug D'Angelo?

This is a top secret operation... we have to take precautions.

He eats dinner at my house almost every night.

His mom makes great fried chicken.

Until the football season's over don't talk to him. At all.

Fear no more, sister. Help is on the way.

I get hives just walking into a dress shop.

We're handing everything for you – head to perfectly pedicured toe.

What if you're right? What if there really is a curse?

We can't put all these kids at risk.

I figured I'd reel you in like a big fish and then wait for you to squirm.

Then it was you who put the note in my pocket?

I don't know what to believe anymore.

They never put on enough cheese. Even when you order double.

The hunt's over! It's over!

I can help you. You helped me, I can help you.

You didn't book a band, a DJ, anything?

I'm a singer. Back home, I headlined all the big events.

I was wondering if you were going to the dance with anyone?

I'm so glad I found you. I just need an itty bitty little favour...

How'd you know? You're such a sweetie-pie.

Ya'll need to put a little more weight on those bars if you plan on winning this season.

I decided I'd rather fly than just run around.

How long has she been running around?

I'll bet the whole house is full of little hamster turds.

Wanna tell me about your outfit?

Ah. That explains the screaming. But not the outfit.

Next time you have brain surgery, pick a hospital with better snacks.

I'll have what she's having.

I tried to warn Mom.

Shut up. I don't need your help.

I'm tempted to move back in and see what I can negotiate.

Yeah, I gotta help my brother move the fridge.

I want you to do my hair like that.

With all that carcinogenic stuff you use on your hair it might just fall out.

I'm not here for the social life.

If you're really our friend, just tell us so we can help.

Is it because you can't dance? Because it's okay if you can't.

For your information, I'm a terrific dancer.

You're letting it stand in the way of you having a good time.

Come on. We have to find the circuit breaker.

The thing is, you never eat. You should take snacks to school.

I'm more like an angel in training.

Really, don't rush into a decision. You've only been here three hours.

I've tried on every dress in the store. This is the one I want.

Our paper is called the Central Scoop because nothing escapes us.

Tell me you were late for our first meeting because you were shopping.

Uh... we're in the middle of a meeting here.

We're such good friends we have exactly the same taste.

Excuse me for a moment – heads are about to roll.

Fine. Then where were you?

Wait a minute – you were editor of the school paper too?

Remember – follow the map and you'll learn the secret.

You've gotta be aggressive, man. You're driving like my grandmother.

Don't be racist.

Are you two talking to each other?

Amanda likes that song, can you turn it up?

She's bringing some serious heat, man. I don't know if you got the bat speed.

See? I'm getting the hang of it. I blend.

I never truly appreciated how cute I was until it was gone.

Very inspiring. Now take your story, add me, and subtract the standing up part.

Dad, this isn't the Special Olympics.

You cannot tell Mom. She'll make me wear chain mail to school.

I kissed Grandma's eye. Or her lip. Whatever it was, it had hair.

Mom always loved this house more than she loved Grandma.

She sees me not as her brother, but as scenery in the way of her closeup.

I'm finding ways to adapt to my new habitat.

'Cause today, we're all going to go on a great trip!

Ladies and gentlemen! Will you welcome please, Noah and his famous Black Coats!

You've got quite the selection tonight. You must have liked the others.

You saw me coming through the window.

I never pictured you as a doctor.

As big as the universe times a million billion gazillion trillion.

Okay... say there were aliens. How would we know if they were good or bad?

I'm picking up an energy anomaly – that could mean there's a Portal in the building.

Take a shower or something.

This is humiliating.

I am so the best ever.

So did they get in a fight, or what?

That's as far as you go.

Stop the car!

We talked about this.

I'm the man!

Boo! Did I scare you?

We all had a good time. Well, except for Sam.

Don't forget to flush.

I love brushing my teeth.

All he ever wants to do is play transformers.

I don't know anything about dinosaurs.

She's like a genius or something.

Have a good day at school!

Why do these things always happen to me?

I fell down.

Where are you going?

Finally, a love potion that works!

We swapped bodies, that's all.

Eew... Then what happened?

Aaaaaah! You scared me!

I just thought you'd be taller.

Where's my fencing medal, Jared?

I have an imaginary friend.

Don't go in there if you know what's good for you.

Whoah! When did you get a car?

I've been working here for almost a year.

Yeah, my dad says the same thing.

You sound like an old lady.

Did you grow up here?

This is the stupidest game I've ever played.

I'm going to Bryan's house, he's got better stuff.

Just because I shaved my head doesn't mean you have to.

And if he jumped off a bridge, would you?

Like, how in love are you?

Don't talk to me that way again.

I hate fast food.

We're having KD tonight!

All he thinks about is guns, guns, guns.

That's disgusting. Do it again.

Why can't we just have a nice, quiet dinner for once?

These Discovery Channel shows give me the heebie-jeebies.

I like to be scared.

Fancy, fancy, fancy. Stupid show off.

Well, if you've got a better idea go right ahead and try it!

I dunno, I don't think I'm smart enough.

Great. Super. Perfect. What he said.

Let's get some rest, tomorrow's a big day.

Fake it until you make it, you know? Fake it until you make it.

I mean, she's so like, eewwwwww.

Holy shlamoley! I never saw that coming!

Hold your horses! I'm on my way!

I don't see what the big deal is, anyway.

This'll just take a minute. Or two. Okay maybe three.

Whenever I get lost, I start to sing and that makes me feel better.

Hey! Not on my lawn you don't!

This is fun! I thought I'd be scared.

Not so tough now, are you tough guy?

Liar, liar, pants on fire!

What, are you kissing everybody now? That figures.

Don't look at me! I'm innocent!

Marnie is soooooo weird.

I hear that she collects cockroaches and keeps them in a box.

Whenever you need me, just call.

Best friends, right? Right?

He was the suckiest suck that ever sucked.

Why don't you just wake the dead while you're at it!

Could you make any more noise, dummy?

I told you, it was supposed to be a secret!

Why, why, why did you tell your little brother?

He'll wreck everything!

Don't leave me alone with her!

This party sucks.

The water's cold.

I lost my wallet.

This had better be good.

I don't drink coffee.

Whenever you get around to it is fine.

Remember to get it back to me.

Money makes people so weird.

I need a job so bad.

Why doesn't anyone believe us?

You'd think it would be easy. But nooooooo.

Useless, you're completely useless.

I'm so sorry!

I had no idea that it was your dog.

Well I didn't know that you were watching!

Hey, a little privacy please?

Thanks for nothing.

A mouse, a mouse!

Hello? Anybody there?

Stop doing that.

Long time no see.

You didn't have to ruin that.

I like your new watch.

I lost it.

Want to go to the park?

Watch out.

The phone's ringing. I don't wanna get it you get it.

It's sticky.

I think it's broken.

Your fly's undone.

I like your earrings.

You're not funny.

I can't believe that happened.

I think we're lost.

It's gone.

You're being so dumb.

Help me.

He's not always like that.

Today's the day.

Finders keepers.

This is it.

I thought that was... oh wait.

It's too late.

Go to bed.

You did what?

Watch where you're going.

You didn't need to do it like that.

You better sleep with one eye open.

Why don't you ever listen to me?

It's your fault I'm here.

Turn off the light, I'm trying to sleep!

Pass me your crayons.

Hey, give that back.

Don't be a doofus.

I'm not cleaning that up.

I'm hungry.

Ow, that hurt.

You're my best friend.

That's soooooooo mean.

Yeah, yeah, go for it.

Please? Pleaaaaaaaaaaaaase?

I'm late.

It's too bright.

So, spill the beans.

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh.

Happy birthday.

You're such a princess.

Whoah.

It has to be here somewhere...

Your ears are too big.

It's time to fill the coffee machine.

Ow, my toe.

Is that a threat?

It's hot in here.

I don't wanna go to school.

Stop looking at me.

It makes me feel weird.

I hate my homework.

It's in the garbage can.

Is it bedtime already?

Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooo.

Blue is my favourite colour.

Keep out of my room.

You're too messy.

Are you sick?

Don't open the door.

I got 35% on math test.

Don't even go there.

Yeah, I so totally agree with you.

Let's get out of here.

I don't feel so good.

I don't get it. It's too hard.

I don't like country music.

Let's get started!

Are you new here? You look new.

I don't think we should be doing this.

I'm on the yearbook staff.

Oh great, my life is over.

You think I'm ugly, don't you.

I've got a secret, but if you want I'll whisper it to you.

I got an A! I got an A! I got an A!

What are you afraid of?

I could just totally fall asleep right now.

Don't worry, my parents let me do this all the time.

You are such a liar!

God, you are so embarrassing.

Just don't walk beside me, okay?

That is so not cool.

He's not so tough.

I can't believe this! It's crazy!

I have a problem.

Hey... we've got to talk.

Whoah! You are so lucky!

C'mon, what are you waiting for?

You should just chill. Chill, okay?

Don't get all emotional, okay?

Aaaaaaaahhh! I can't believe it! Not again!

Freaky, man, just way too freaky.

Hey you! Yeah, I'm talking to you!

That is so lame. Like the lamest ever.

Rad, man, totally rad.

That was a really stupid movie.

I'm just shy.

I don't want to get hurt.

Aren't we done yet?

It wasn't me.

I feel terrible.

I'm never going to figure this out.

Don't look at me like that.

I'm not even old enough to drive.

That is soooooo five minutes ago.

I quit.

That's ridiculous.

I don't have time for this.

Whoah. I can't believe it.

I smell something weird.

I hate this place.

Something's wrong.

And where do you think you're going?

I am the president.

Ready, get set, go!

So... who are you going to vote for?

You'll be hearing from my lawyer.

I've been the chess champion three years running

Does anybody here play football?

Somebody stole my jacket!

You copied me!

Pssst. What did you get for number sixteen?

My mom thinks my art sucks.

Quick, who knows Japanese?

Fishing is officially stupid.

Oh, I always sing along with the radio.

Do you mind not doing that in here please?

Yep, this is my breakdancing crew.

He's just the most amazing dancer.

Get out! Just get out!

I'm at a loss for words.

Danish, Korean, Dutch, French, who cares really?

All right, I'm out of here!

I look amazing. Don't I look amazing?

I've got happy feet!

Hey Kid? Shut up.

I have no idea what you're talking about.

La la la lalalalalala laaaa!

Well, excuuuuuuuuse me.

I'm not an idiot, okay?

Mom? Dad? Where are you?

Where did everybody go?

Get lost.

You are such a loser.

You're such a suck.

If you'd listened to me, this would never have happened.

Aaaaaaaaaaiiiiiiaaaa! Karate chop!

Suck it up, dude.

Wow, she got fat.

Wanna hear my new ringtone?

I'll bet you don't even have a girlfriend.

Where did you get that awful, awful thing?

It's like his mother still dresses him for school.

Don't worry, she does this all the time.

Can I see that again please?

Will you stop that and come over here! Thank you.

Oooooooooooooo, pretty!

Ummmm... forget it.

Shouldn't we at least try to help?

Ha! Ha ha ha! That's exactly what I told you would happen!

You are so dead.

Whatever, okay? Whatever.

Wow, you are like psychic or something.

I can do it by myself.

Here, you want me to show you some dance moves?

I feel great.

Sing? I don't sing.

Wow. I'm blown away, just totally blown away.

It's incredible. No, it's unbelievable!

It sucks, but that's life.

Come back here with that videotape!

We've got to find out who did this before anyone else does.

You'd tell me if something was wrong, right?

He's been acting so weird lately.

Don't let it bother you. She's always like that.

Am I the only one who sees how wrong this is?

Take that, forces of evil!

Ice cream, ice cream, ice cream!

Mom said that we had to be back inside by nine.

Well, that proves that theory, now doesn't it.

Got any other bright ideas, Einstein?

Hahaha! I told you the steps were slippery!

Oh man, I landed right on my face.

I think my foot's broken. Cool.

Call me if you need me, okay?

Could you hurry it up? Some of us have places to be.

Okay, change of plans. We're going underground.

Stop everything! I'm here for the sale!

I got shot down bad. There were flames.

Way to go, bat boy.

Could you point that expression somewhere else please?

I forgot what I was doing for a second.

Uh oh. Brain fart.

Who needs stupid math anyway. It's stupid.

Quick, come look! I'm on level sixteen!

Die! Die die die!