

May I Borrow Your Marker?

A Readers Theater Script for Readers Who Can Read Simple Phrases

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A Readers Theater Script Created to Supplement  
The Lesson: May I Borrow Your Marker?  
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CAST: 5 Readers and a Repetitive ALL chorus. The entire class may join in on the chorus, if desired.

NOTE: This script uses rhythm and rhyme. To establish the correct rhythm, rehearse the piece by clapping on the underlined words or word parts as the story is read aloud. Since EFL students often speak English words very slowly, clapping along will help them practice speaking at a faster pace. This is a rehearsal technique. The clapping would not be included in the final performance since Readers Theater is a reading experience and, unless music stands are being used, readers' hands will be busy holding script folders.

EXCEPTION: Some teachers have found the clapping very helpful and preferred using some type of sound effect to help their readers keep the beat during performance. They suggested having the teacher keep the beat with a tambourine or assigning two children to tambourine duty and positioning them stage left and right of the readers.

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READER 1:        May I borrow your marker?

READER 2:        My marker?

READER 3:        My marker?

READER 1:        May I borrow your marker?

ALL:                Yes, of course you may.  
                         You may have it any day.  
                         Yesterday, today, tomorrow,  
                         Any time you want to borrow.

READER 4:        Red? Green?

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READER 5: Yellow? Blue?

READER 4: May I borrow a marker too?  
The answer now is up to you.

ALL: Yes, of course you may.  
You may have it any day.  
Yesterday, today, tomorrow,  
Any time you want to borrow.

READER 2: Red? Green?

READER 3: Purple? Black?

READER 5: Will you give the markers back?

READERS 1,4: Yes, we will...

ALL: Then, of course you may.  
You may have them any day.  
Yesterday, today, tomorrow,  
Any time you want to borrow.

Yesterday, today, tomorrow,  
Any time you want to borrow.  
Any time of the day,  
Yes, of course you may!