

# SCHOOL PLAY READER

Last week, Rob Stone, the famous British actor and star of many Hollywood films, had a party for his 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Rob invited a lot of other actors to his beautiful home for his party. After dinner, he stood up and spoke to everyone there. He told them about something that happened when he was at school 40 years ago. As a schoolboy, Rob loved the theatre and he was very happy when he had his first part in a play. It was a very sad play by Shakespeare, the sixteenth-century English writer.

Rob played the part of an old man who had to die on stage. He practiced and practiced to become good at that part. He had to lie on a bed, say a few sad words of good-bye to his sons and then shout out in pain and die.

Like all the other parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stone came to watch their son in the play. Rob told his guests, "I shall never forget that evening. It was terrible. As I died, I could hear my father laughing! I still remember now how bad I felt and I have not asked my father to one of my plays since."

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| 1. Rob Stone went to a restaurant for his birthday.                | X     | X     | X           |
| 2. Rob talked to a few of his guests about his time at school.     | X     | X     | X           |
| 3. Rob preferred Shakespeare's plays to those of any other writer. | X     | X     | X           |
| 4. Rob tried very hard to act well in the school play.             | X     | X     | X           |
| 5. The old man that Rob played died at the end of the play.        | X     | X     | X           |
| 6. Rob's father made his son unhappy at the play.                  | X     | X     | X           |
| 7. Rob never invited his father to watch him act again.            | X     | X     | X           |

