

Which Shoes Do You Choose?

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PREVIEW: With so many kinds of shoes at the store, how can Katie ever choose?

GENRE: Humor, poetry

READERS: 12

CULTURE: American

READER AGES: 6–9

THEME: Making choices

LENGTH: 3 minutes

ROLES: Narrators 1 & 2, Clerks 1–9, Katie

NOTES: For best effect, place NARRATOR 1 at far left, and NARRATOR 2 at far right, as seen from the audience.

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NARRATOR 1: Katie was tired of wearing the same old shoes.

NARRATOR 2: She went to the store to buy new ones.

NARRATOR 1: The clerks asked her,

ALL CLERKS: Which shoes do you choose?

NARRATOR 2: Katie said,

KATIE: I want shoes that are braggy, not baggy.

ALL CLERKS: (*thinking about it*) Hmmmm. Let me see.

CLERK 1: We have small shoes,



CLERK 2: and tall shoes,

CLERK 3: and walk-on-the-wall shoes.

CLERK 4: We have red shoes,

CLERK 5: and head shoes,

CLERK 6: and down-the-hill-sled shoes.

CLERK 7: We have blue shoes,

CLERK 8: and BOO shoes,

CLERK 9: and paddle-canoe shoes.

ALL CLERKS: Which shoes do you choose?

KATIE: I want shoes that are slicky, not sticky.

ALL CLERKS: Hmm. Let me see.

CLERK 1: We have jog shoes,

CLERK 2: and log shoes,

CLERK 3: and hop-like-a-frog shoes.

CLERK 4: We have tied shoes,

CLERK 5: and wide shoes,

CLERK 6: and carnival-ride shoes.

CLERK 7: We have trail shoes,

CLERK 8: and snail shoes,

CLERK 9: and wind-in-your-sail shoes.

ALL CLERKS: Which shoes do you choose?

KATIE: I want shoes that are spiffy, not iffy.

ALL CLERKS: Hmm. Let me see.

CLERK 1: We have black shoes,

CLERK 2: and snack shoes,

CLERK 3: and ride-on-a-track shoes.

CLERK 4: We have wet shoes,

CLERK 5: and pet shoes,

CLERK 6: and super-speed-jet shoes.

CLERK 7: We have moon shoes,

CLERK 8: and goon shoes,

CLERK 9: and hot-air-balloon shoes.

ALL CLERKS: Which shoes do you choose?

KATIE: I choose *all* these shoes.

ALL CLERKS: (*gasp*)

NARRATOR 1: She bought the shoes and took them home.

NARRATOR 2: And now the store has

ALL CLERKS: (*to audience*) NO MORE SHOES TO CHOOSE!