



Links with the QEP

Drama

Getting into Character

If you are playing **OOWatt**:

- Think of yourself as a police inspector.
- Speak slowly and with authority.
- Stand up straight.
- Be suspicious of everything, keep looking around as though you're expecting to see the evildoer everywhere.

If you are playing **Terawattus Energivorus**:

- Think of yourself as evil.
- Hunch over.
- Walk with a limp.
- Speak with a deep, growly voice.

If you are playing the six-year-old:

- Speak rather quickly, in a childlike voice.
- Bounce around a bit when you move.
- Make big, excited movements.

If you are playing the teenager:

- Look as though you are concentrating on your homework.
- Speak with a lazy but impatient voice.

Script

- The teenager is seated at a desk, doing homework.
- **Terawattus Energivorus** is hiding under a table.
- **OOWatt** stands off to the side a bit, watching, with arms crossed.
- The child is turning the classroom lights on and off, on and off ...

Child

*On and off, on and off, on and off.
Electricity is magic!*

- The teenager is trying to work and is getting irritated with this game.

Teenager

You think it's magic? You know, a lot of people have to work really hard just so you can flick the lights on and off so easily!

- The child continues playing with the light switch.
- The teenager gets up.



Note

The furniture and props can be imaginary or simulated.

Teenager

Knock it off with the lights!

- The child stops playing with the light switch and joins the teenager next to the desk.

Child

Where does electricity come from, anyway?

Teenager

How should I know? I'm not your teacher! I just know it travels a long way before it gets to our house.

Child

It must be tired when it gets here, then!

- **OOWatt** turns off the lights.
- The child and the teenager look at him, eyes wide in surprise.
- **OOWatt** winks at the child.

OOWatt

If the electricity is tired, let's give it a rest!

- **OOWatt** turns the lights back on and joins the child and the teenager.

OOWatt laughs gently.

No, I was just kidding. But sometimes electricity must find that we use it up pretty quickly!

- **Terawattus Energivorus** bursts out from under the table, waving his arms excitedly.

Terawattus Energivorus

Oh come on, now! Don't worry about electricity. The whole idea is to use it up.

Child

Really?

Terawattus Energivorus

Of course! You're lucky to have it. Your great-grandparents didn't.

The child and teenager answer at the same time.
That's true.

Terawattus Energivorus

You have electricity to make your lives easier, so take advantage of it! In some countries, electricity is a luxury even now. But not here, in Québec.

Teenager

Lucky us!



Note

After their performance, the actors can take a bow.

Terawattus Energivorus

We're **very** lucky! In Québec, with all the water we have, we can produce lots and lots and lots of electricity. So go ahead, turn on your TVs, lights, computers and game consoles!

- **OOwatt** jumps forward and stands nose to nose with **Terawattus Energivorus**.

OOwatt

Hold it right there, my friend the energy hog! Electricity doesn't grow on trees. We have to build dams and create huge reservoirs in order to produce electricity. It takes a lot of water!

- The child moves between them to push them apart.

Child

But we have lots of water, don't we?

OOwatt

That's true. We have plenty of water in Québec, but that's no reason to waste energy!

Child

Why? Does it cost a lot?

OOwatt

It sure does! Just think, we also have to build a whole power system to carry the electricity from where it is generated. All that costs a lot of money and has an impact on the environment.

Teenager

Really? I'd like to know more. **Enlighten me!** ●

