



## 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!*

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

### OO Watt

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

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

**OO Watt** 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!

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

### OO Watt

*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?*

### OO Watt

*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?*

### OO Watt

*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!*** ●

