

One-Person Literacy In-house TV Script, version 1

Literacy. That means being able to read, right?

Yeah, but it's more than that. It's also being able to write.

But it's even more than that. It also means being able to speak . . . and being able to understand.

So why are we talking about literacy . . . and why should we care?

Well, it's vital to our lives . . . almost like breathing, water, food and sleep. That's why we should care. Whether we work at a trade after high school or go to college to study for a career, we'll need to read . . . and write . . . and speak . . . and understand.

In fact, did you know that a mechanic's manual can require higher reading skills than a college textbook? So, if we want to succeed in life—no matter what job we choose—we need to read and write and speak and understand what we're reading and hearing.

In other words, no matter what we want in life, we'll need money. And to get money, we'll need a job. And to succeed in a job, we'll need to be literate.

*Ending 1:*

You know, the more I think about it, the more I feel that exercising my mind is as important as exercising my body. Hmmm . . .

*Ending 2:*

You know, I guess I should add communications skills to my self-improvement list.

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Speaker 1: Literacy.

Speaker 2: What?

Speaker 1: Literacy.

Speaker 2: So? That means being able to read, right?

Speaker 1: Yeah, but it's more than that. It's also being able to write.

Speaker 2: Oh, yeah . . . I knew that. So?

Speaker 1: But it's even more than that. It also means being able to speak . . . and being able to understand what you're reading or hearing.

Speaker 2: Well, I'm not sure I knew that . . . but so? Why should I care about any of that?

Speaker 1: Literacy is a pretty big deal. It's vital to our lives . . . almost like breathing, water, food and sleep.

Speaker 2: But those are things we need to survive.

Speaker 1: Right. We need money to survive in our world, too. And, whether we work at a trade right after high school or go to college to study for a career, we'll need to read . . . and write . . . and speak . . . and understand. In fact, did you know that a mechanic's manual can require higher reading skills than a college textbook?

Speaker 2: What? No way.

Speaker 1: I know, right? I mean, who knew?

Speaker 2: Well, I didn't. So, if we want to succeed in life—no matter what job we choose—we need to read and write.

Speaker 1: Yeah, and to speak and understand what we're reading and hearing.

*Ending 1:*

Speaker 2: OK . . . I guess I should add communications skills to my self-improvement list. Wow, life is complicated.

Speaker 1: You can say that again.

Speaker 2: Life is complicated.

*Ending 2:*

Speaker 2: You know, the more I think about it, the more I feel that exercising my mind is as important as exercising my body. Hmm . . .

Speaker 1: You can say that again.

Speaker 2: Hmm . . .