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## Gent's Audition--

**Choose two monologues to memorize and perform. Don't forget about gestures, movement, facial expression and BEING IN CHARACTER!**

*Horton: Horton is a compassionate and gentle elephant. He is commonly misunderstood because of his size. He is protective and loving of all the creatures in the jungle. Horton's view of the world never changes. He believes the world is inherently good. Your monologue should portray Horton as caring and loving.*

HORTON: I say! How confusing! I've never heard tell of a small speck of dust that is able to yell! So you know what I think? I think there must be someone on top of that small speck of dust! Some poor little person who's shaking with fear, that he'll blow in the pool. He has no way to steer! It's true, please believe me. I tell you sincerely, my ears are quite keen and I heard him quite clearly. I know there's a person down there and what's more...quite likely there's two. Even three. Even four. Hello? Is anyone there?

HORTON 2: I've been guarding this clover for over a week, getting laughed at for thinking a dust speck can speak. Well, let them all laugh, I'll try not to mind, for I have found something that they'll never find. Hello. Hello? Who's there? You say it's JoJo the Mayor's son? I'm Horton, the elephant. Are there more than one? Wow, JoJo you say that there's a whole town? I'll guard this speck carefully. I won't let you down. I meant what I said and I said what I meant an elephant's faithful one hundred percent.

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*JOJO: The Mayor's son. He is a Who that is always finding trouble wherever he goes. He is bright, creative, and inadvertently mischievous. He has a big, huge imagination and finds solace in his friendship with Horton.*

JOJO: Now that is a very unusual hat. I wonder what's under a hat such as that? It could be a creature they call the Gazat (Guh-zat). Who balances things on his head 'cause it's flat? Or a stripe-loving pipester from Upper Mount Bat? Or a sort of a kind of a hat wearing . . . CAT! Are you a very large "think" or a genuine cat? I can't say I've ever met a cat in a hat.

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**MAYOR:**

MAYOR: I'm the Mayor of Who. Why, I've just been elected. And upright behavior is thus forth expected. But we've just had a talk with your teachers today and they didn't have one single good thing to say. You invented new Thinks which defy all description. You gave Miss O'Dooley a nervous conniption! Your Thinks were so wild they disrupted your classes and made Mrs. Mackel-Who drop her new glasses. Which is why you're suspended! Yes, that's what they said. Young man, what in Who has gotten into your head?! Now Horton has found us. We're safe on a clover. But clearly our troubles and far, far from over.

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*Cat in the Hat: The story's narrator who knows it all. The Cat In The Hat is the essence of mischief, fun, and imagination. He has lots of energy and pops up throughout the story to help the audience. The Cat stirs things up, causes trouble, but always sets things right again. The Cat plays many comic cameos and improvises with the audience.*

CAT IN THE HAT: I can see that you've got quite a mind for your age! Why, one Think and you dragged me right onto the stage! Now I'm here...there is no telling what may ensue, with a Cat such as me and a thinker like you! Our story begins with a very strange sound... The drums of a jungle beginning to pound. An unusual story will soon be unfurled of an elephant trying to save a small world. (Talk show voice) Our topic today is "Psychic Elephants who hear voices." Whaddaya think folks? Is the elephant off his trunk?