

Junior Reading

It is lovely when the Chairman introduces the book and tells the audience a bit about it first.

Introductions about the panel are also interesting to hear. Maybe add in what their favorite book is. The judge will always be someone who enjoys reading and would love to know this.

Read and familiarise yourself with the passage beforehand so if there are any difficult words or ones you are not sure how to pronounce, you can then write it how it sounds on your sheet and you will be able to read them aloud with confidence.

Try and read with good expression, avoid a monotone delivery and vary your tone of voice. Enunciate your words clearly and don't slur or mumble.

Smile and look friendly; you want your audience to be engaged and enjoy listening to you.

Don't be too embarrassed to make your reading seem dramatic, it is after all, a performance.

Try to avoid just reading from the page, look up at regular intervals and try make eye contact with your judges.

Above all, don't rush, take your time and pace yourself, it isn't a race! If you make a mistake, don't worry, just read it again.

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