



## Producing a Variety Show

Our class is putting on a variety show—and we are the producers. In movies, producers are the people who plan, fix problems, and keep the show moving. Our teacher said, “You are all producers.” That means this production is up to us.

A variety show has different kinds of acts. That’s where the word variety comes from—lots of different things in one show.

The acts vary from group to group. Mia and Jay are producing a dance. Luis’s group is producing a skit about a robot teacher who gives out homework all day. Tara is singing a song which ends with a high note that makes everyone stop and listen. There is a lot of variety in our show.

As producers, we also have various tasks. Some of us are in charge of music. Others find props. Some help people get on stage at the right time.

We run into various problems as we get ready. The music cuts out. A prop goes missing. “Producers fix problems,” our teacher reminds us. We find ways to fix the problems that come up.

We will produce this variety show for various groups—first graders, other fourth graders, and the PTA. On the final show for the PTA, the room is full. The lights go down. For a moment, it is very quiet. We smile at each other. We made this production. Then the music starts. And our variety show begins.