

Stories for Lipreading



FEELING THE STRESS.

[This text is read aloud at the beginning of this video:]

Welcome to Stories for Lipreading. If you haven't used our website before, we suggest you look at our 'How to Use' page before you begin. We hope you enjoy this story joke, which is called 'Feeling the Stress'.

Feeling the Stress.

A budding actor was offered a part in a play. His character had just one line of dialogue. The line was: 'Hark! Is that a cannon I hear?'

He was desperate to make his mark. Perhaps he would be 'spotted' and offered a bigger part next time. He practised and practised the line all week. The problem was, he couldn't decide which word he should stress and there were no clues in the script. So he tried each one in turn.

'**Hark!** Is that a cannon I hear?'

'Hark! Is that a **cannon** I hear?'

'Hark! Is **that** a cannon I hear?'

'Hark! Is that a cannon **I** hear?'

Finally, the great day came when he was to make his appearance. He was pushed onto the stage without a proper rehearsal. Suddenly there was an almighty explosion. The actor almost jumped out of his skin and shouted, 'What the hell was that?!'