

# Stories for Lipreading

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## THE CAPTAIN'S PARROT

[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 'The Captain's Parrot'

### *The Captain's Parrot.*

A magician was working on a cruise ship.

Because the audience was new for each cruise, the magician never changed his repertoire. He just did the same tricks over and over again.

But there was one problem. The Captain's parrot watched all the shows each week and worked out how the magician did every trick.

Then he started shouting out in the middle of the show, "Look, it's not the same hat!" or "Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!" or "Look, he put that card up his sleeve!"

The magician was furious but couldn't do anything. It was, after all, the Captain's parrot.

Then one terrible, stormy night, the ship sank.

The magician survived by clinging on to a floating plank of wood. As dawn broke, he realised the parrot was perched on the edge of the same plank. They stared at each other with hatred. Neither of them spoke.

This went on for a day ... And a second day. And a third day. Then, on the fourth day, the parrot couldn't hold back any longer.

"OK," he said. "I give up. Where's the ship?"