

Audition scene three

MISS HONEY

Lets let that rest for the time being and look at reading. Now can anyone read this:

NIGEL

I can! Pick me me me me me me me me me!

MISS HONEY

Ok ok, Nigel.

[NIGEL scares at board but can't read so tenses up]

NIGEL

Aahhhhhhhhhhhhh!

MISS HONEY

Oh yes, yes, I think we'd better leave it there now. We don't want to burst a blood vessel.

[LAVENDER puts her hand up]

LAVENDER

Is the first word... tomato?

MISS HONEY

No. But tomato is a very good word.

LAVENDER

Yes!

MISS HONEY

Matilda?

MATILDA

I can now read words.

MISS HONEY

So Matilda, you can read words.

MATILDA

Yes, well I needed to learn to read words to read sentences because basically a sentence is a big bunch of words. And if you can't read sentences, you've got no chance of reading books.

MISS HONEY

And... have you read a whole book yourself Matilda?

MATILDA

Oh yes more than one. I love books. Last week I read quite a few.

MISS HONEY

A few? In a week? My, my that is good. What books did you read?

MATILDA

Nicholas Nickleby, Oliver Twist, Jane Eyre, Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Lord of the Rings, Kim, The Invisible Man, The Secret Garden, Crime and Punishment, and... Stig of the Dump!