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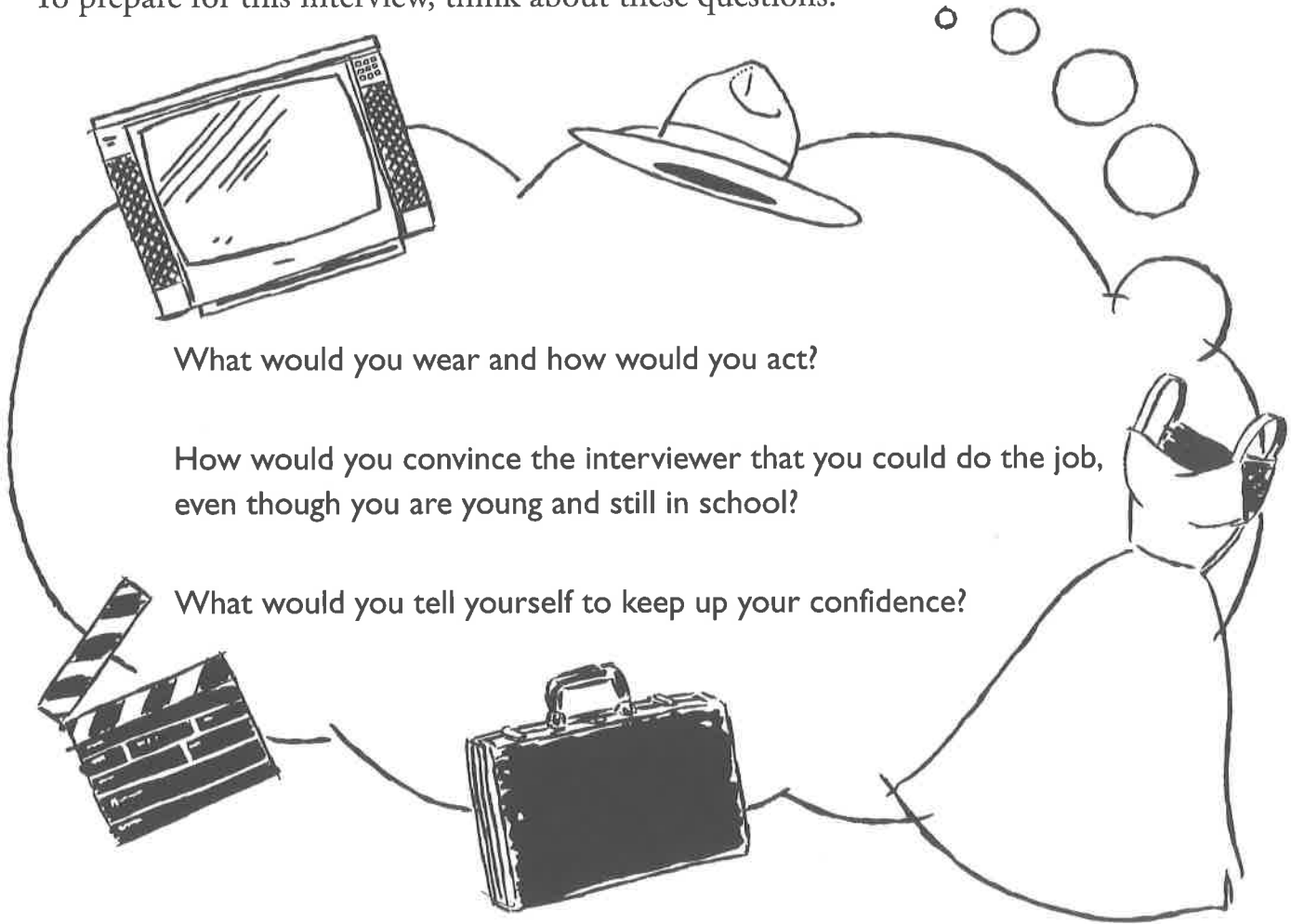
Morris Lurie

Text Opener

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Name: _____

Imagine that you are going to be interviewed for a dream job, for example, a park ranger, a fashion consultant, or a TV writer, newscaster, or video reviewer. To prepare for this interview, think about these questions:



What would you wear and how would you act?

How would you convince the interviewer that you could do the job, even though you are young and still in school?

What would you tell yourself to keep up your confidence?

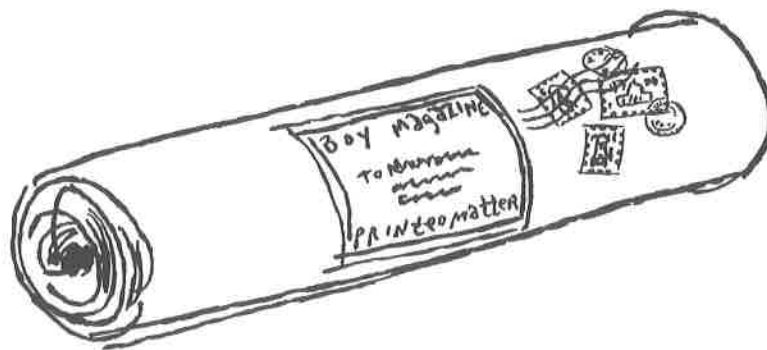
Now answer this question:

If you didn't get the job, would you give up on your ambition?

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During your second reading of the story, you marked places where Morris shows determination, and places where he does not show determination.

Now look over your notes and answer this interpretive question:
Why doesn't Morris complain when he is offered a tour of the factory instead of a job?



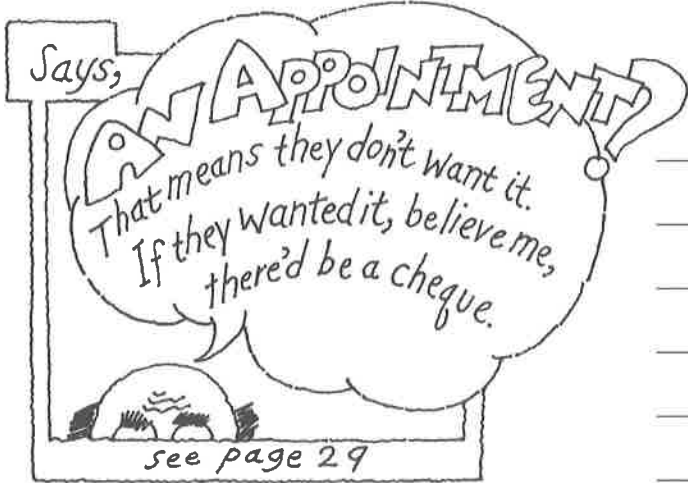
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Morris introduces his father as a “great **scoffer**.”

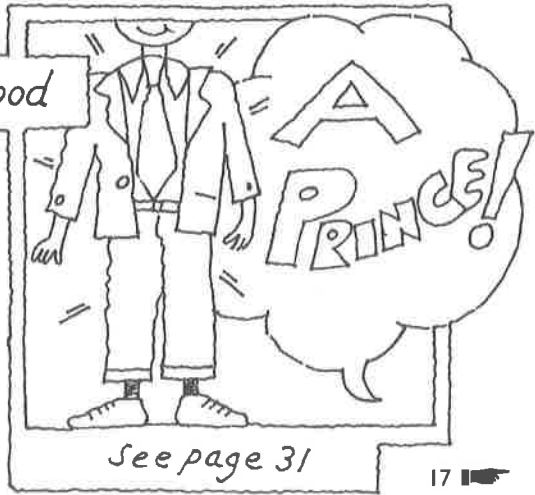
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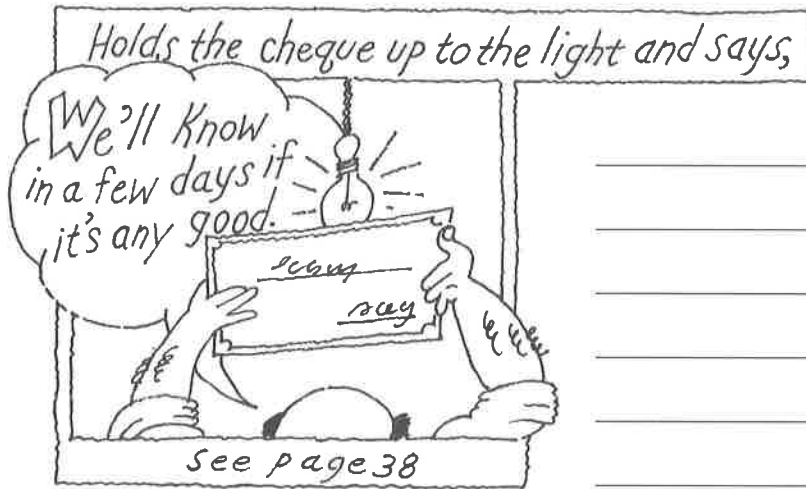
- ☞ one who ridicules or makes sarcastic remarks
- ☞ one who doubts the sincerity and good intentions of others

What is Morris' father trying to tell his son when he . . .



Calls Morris a “prince” when he is dressed up in his good suit with the yellow silk tie?





Now answer this interpretive question:

Why does Morris go ahead with his plans, in spite of his father's scoffing?

Name: _____

Make notes for the feature that you will contribute to your class magazine.

Your department: _____

Your assignment: _____

What is the main thing you want to tell your readers? _____

How will you prepare to write your feature? _____

What information will you include in your feature? _____

Name: _____

Make notes for an essay that answers this question:

Do you think it is good to be a dreamer?

How would you describe a dreamer?

Give examples of an inspiring dream and a silly dream.

Your Opinion

When do you think people should change or give up on their dreams?

Do you think that most successful people are dreamers or realists?
