

- 1 CORY: I don't know how to dance!
- 2 WILL: Maybe you should have thought of that before you
- 3 came tonight!
- 4 JAKE: Hey, guys, the path is clear. Twenty feet and we're
- 5 out of here!
- 6 CORY: I'm right behind you! Let's go! *(They run out.)*

18. The Eighteenth Year

Topic: A cicada bug misses her entrance by a year.

Cast:

BRIANNA: a seventeenth year cicada bug; cheerful, naïve, anxious to make new friends

CLIFF and JAMAL: slightly sarcastic and sardonic bugs trying to be friendly

- 1 BRIANNA: *(Very cheerful, full of energy)* Well, hi there, guys.
- 2 CLIFF: *(To JAMAL in a stage whisper)* What in the heck is
- 3 that?
- 4 JAMAL: *(To CLIFF)* It looks like one of those seventeenth
- 5 year cicadas who were here last year.
- 6 BRIANNA: Am I late?
- 7 CLIFF: If you are what we think you are, then yeah, you're
- 8 a little late.
- 9 JAMAL: Like a whole year.
- 10 BRIANNA: *(Shocked)* A year? What? That can't be!
- 11 CLIFF: Women. Never on time.
- 12 JAMAL: What happened?
- 13 BRIANNA: Well ... I don't know ... I thought I was supposed
- 14 to come up now.
- 15 JAMAL: Last year.
- 16 CLIFF: You're only off by a year. Don't feel bad.
- 17 BRIANNA: Oh, goodness, how could this have happened?
- 18 *(Thinking it over. Obviously very upset)* Oh, dear! What am
- 19 I going to do? Everyone's gone and I'm a whole year late!
- 20 CLIFF: *(Trying to console her)* Oh, don't be upset. It's not that
- 21 bad.
- 22 BRIANNA: *(Through her tears)* It's not?
- 23 JAMAL: No, you didn't miss much last year.
- 24 CLIFF: Yeah, everyone was so grossed out by the thousands

1 and thousands of your friends, they never would have
 2 appreciated your ... *(Looking for a nice word)* uniqueness.
 3 BRIANNA: *(Sounding hopeful)* My uniqueness?
 4 JAMAL: Sure. You have a beautiful ... *(Searching for*
 5 *something nice)* um ... purple body.
 6 CLIFF: And such lovely ... unique ... effervescent wings.
 7 BRIANNA: *(Preening)* Do you think so?
 8 CLIFF: *(On a roll)* Sure! You'll be the talk of the town. And
 9 just think of all the people who missed the whole thing
 10 last year. Maybe they were away or something and didn't
 11 get to see your friends. You'll be special.
 12 BRIANNA: *(Shyly proud)* I always thought I was a little
 13 special.
 14 JAMAL: Sure you are! Why don't you fly on over to that park
 15 and find some people to annoy — I mean, show off for.
 16 BRIANNA: OK, I will! Thanks, guys! *(She exits.)*
 17 JAMAL: Wait 'til they get a load of her!
 18 CLIFF: And those stupid people thought they were through
 19 with those disgusting things for another seventeen
 20 years!

19. Mad Cow Disease

Topic: Two cows discuss human behavior from their perspective.

Cast:

CLOVER

BUTTERCUP

Costumes

Students do not need to dress as cows but may. A simple costume would be white sweats with black patches and headband with ears. They stand, not crawl on all fours.

1 *(CLOVER and BUTTERCUP are Center Stage.)*
 2 CLOVER: 'Sup?
 3 BUTTERCUP: Not much.
 4 CLOVER: You see that new donkey they got next door?
 5 BUTTERCUP: Yeah, a real winner. Donkeys have got to be
 6 the dumbest animals ever created on God's green earth.
 7 CLOVER: You got that right. I saw him out in the field
 8 chewing on a tennis ball, just as happy as can be. Those
 9 stupid animals will eat anything.
 10 BUTTERCUP: I heard Old Ginger was gonna be shown at the
 11 state fair next month.
 12 CLOVER: *(Laughs.)* Oh, yeah, you should have seen what
 13 they did to her. Gave her a sweet little haircut and
 14 braided her tail.
 15 BUTTERCUP: *(Laughs.)* How humiliating. I'm glad I was
 16 never chosen to go the fair.
 17 CLOVER: It's bad enough that we get those school tours.
 18 BUTTERCUP: Oh, you should have seen that group that
 19 came through last week. They came into the milking
 20 station and this little kid yells, "Hey, is that a girl cow
 21 or a boy cow?"
 22 CLOVER: That's nothing. How about the people riding by in