

# A HIGH-SCHOOLER'S GUIDE TO THE PERFECT PROM

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*A Ten Minute Comedy Monologue*

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**SYNOPSIS:** Every girl dreams of the perfect prom, but with all the prom disasters out there...where can a girl turn? Never fear, Marla has all the answers and shares her hard earned knowledge in her very own prom guide. Don't worry about the dress, the dance, or the date as Marla's solutions keep everyone laughing. But is high school ready for this much insight into prom perfection? And what about the big question...is there life after prom? This monolog is a high energy experience in hilarity, perfect for classroom or competition.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

*(1 female)*

MARLA (f) ..... A precocious teenager planning her first prom

## PRODUCTION NOTES

This monologue is designed for competition or classroom. It can take place on an empty stage with no props necessary. However, visual aids can be created if they are appropriate to the forum.

**MARLA:** It's the moment all the juniors and seniors have been waiting for their entire lives. Preparations have been made. Sleep has been lost. Everything hinges on this one moment... What? Don't be ridiculous, it's not graduation...its prom! When I was a little girl, Cinderella was my favorite movie. I mean (*Other than that whole, being a family slave thing.*) what little girl wouldn't want to dance the night away with a handsome prince, and live happily ever after. Hey, it worked for Kate Middleton. As a high school senior, I have spent the last ten years working and studying to make my dream a reality, and with all the prom disasters out there; it's time to share my hard-earned prom knowledge with my fellow students! So I've have created "The High-Schooler's guide to a Perfect Prom"!

Let's delve right into my book shall we? Chapter one, Ladies First . My book covers the dress, the date, and the details of getting ready. Some cynics might say, "you should get asked to prom before you get the dress". Fun-haters. I completely disagree, so our first subject is the do's and don'ts of the dress. To guide us, we will use Webster's definition of "Sparkle", which tells us to "sparkle" is to "be lively or brilliant". But remember in your search for lively brilliance, a prom dress needs to be something daddy will approve of, and pay for. Don't fall for a fashion flop. Beware the dress disaster, too many folds and ruffles will bury you in "the napkin dress"...put frosting on top and you might look like a cupcake; not only does the dress disaster not compliment any figure-type, your date will want to wipe his hands on it at dinner! That's not SPARKLE. *Performer can snap fingers on That's Not Sparkle.* And it's OK to show a little skin; just enough to catch a young man's eye...but you don't want anyone escorting you to the nearest pole while tossing dollar bills in your direction. Trust me; this is not the kind of attention a girl wants. Find a dress with some sparkle, maybe a little bling to catch the light; a gown with enough coverage for daddy's approval but fun enough to show off your moves.

Now let's realize we don't have to break the bank to sparkle. You know how the 2 second rule applies to dropped food? Well now apply the 2 year rule to prom dresses. The perfect prom dress doesn't have to be "just arrived". One article I read says that prom costs an average of \$1,000 per high school student. That's ridiculous! Let someone else buy the \$500 dress and then borrow it for nothing. Daddy will approve of that! Or shop out of season, who cares if it's early, as long as it's 60% off, and you still have sparkle.

On to finding the perfect date...Ladies, I know it is desirable for the guys to ask us out, but let's be honest; sometimes they need a little guidance. Did you fail to notice that Prince Charming never personally asked Cinderella to the dance. And since we don't have a fairy Godmother, don't be afraid to...corner those guys after class! Make them talk to you!...Be coy, be assertive, but...stuffing them in their lockers may be taking it a bit too far, or so I've heard.

Now let's grab "the GLITZ". To minimize hair and jewelry costs, hit up family members for gift cards. Grandma's love to be involved, so invite them shopping to look for prom accessories, grandma may want to buy you a necklace or shoes for your special night...unless, of course, you have that grandma who wants you to wear her old prom dress; no matter what she says it's not "in", it's not "retro" and it's definitely "not sparkle". Guys don't really care how you pay for your prom ensemble anyway, just so they don't have to walk through the prom parade as an eligible bachelor.

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