**Audition #2:**

**RONA:** Miss Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre is president of both the Feminism Club, the Gender Rights and Awareness Club, and the Adopted and Proud Club at her elementary school.

**PANCH:** STRABISMUS

**LOGAINNE:** Strabismus. May I please have the definition of that word?

**PANCH:** “The inability of one eye to obtain binocular vision with the other because of an imbalance of the muscles of the eyeball.”

**LOGAINNE:** And use in a sentence, please?

**PANCH:** “In the schoolyard, Billy protested that he wasn’t cockeyed. ‘I suffer from strabismus,’ he said, whereupon the bullies beat him harder.”

**RONA:** Notice how she writes on her forearm. This is her way to see the word before she speaks it out loud.

**LOGAINNE:** Strabismus. S-T-R-A-B-I-S-M-U-S. Strabismus.

**PANCH:** That is correct. Mr. Coneybear.

**RONA:** Mr. Coneybear was second runner up in the Putnam Basin district.

**LEAF’S MOM:** Brook, will you tell Leaf he has a phone call, please?

**BROOK:** Leaf! Phone!

**CONEYBEAR:** Thanks! I got it! Hello, Leaf speaking. Uh huh, Uh huh, Uh huh. You’re kidding! I’m gonna represent the Basin in the bee? Wow, I can’t believe it. Mom, Dad, Marigold, Brook, Pinecone, Raisin, Landscape, Paul – you’re not going to believe this!

**LEAF’S DAD:** What’s up, Leaf?

**CONEYBEAR:** I made the county finals in the spelling bee!

**LEAF’S MOM:** Oh sweetheart, no, you came in third honey.

**CONEYBEAR:** I know! But they just called and said the person who came in first has to go to their bat mitzvah, and the person who came in second…has to attend that bat mitzvah, so they want me to do it!

**LEAF’S DAD:** You understand the other kids will have all won their district bees?

**CONEYBEAR:** Yeah, but…well…but…

**PANCH:** (Calling Leaf’s attention back) Capybara.

**CONEYBEAR:** What?

**PANCH:** Your word is Capybara.

**CONEYBEAR:** Is that a word?

**PANCH:** That’s a word, yes.

**CONEYBEAR:** No way! What does it mean?

**PANCH:** “a tailless largely aquatic South American rodent often exceeding four feet in length.”

**CONEYBEAR:** Awesome. What else can I ask?

**PANCH:** You’re allowed to ask for the word’s language of origin or to have the word used in a sentence…

**CONEYBEAR:** Oh – can you use it in a sentence?

**PANCH:** Yes. “Don’t look now, Pedro, but I think that tailless, largely aquatic four and a half foot rodent swimming next to you may be a capybara.”

**CONEYBEAR:** Wow, that didn’t help at all!