



## Self-tape monologue task

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### Instructions

Please make a self-tape film using the following script. Your film does not need to be professionally created or edited – we are interested in seeing you as an actor and not your film-making or editing skills, so feel free to film on a mobile phone. Once complete please send your film via [geesetheatrecompany.wetransfer.com](https://www.geesetheatrecompany.wetransfer.com) ensuring you put your name (as it appears in your Application Form) clearly in the title of the file.

We anticipate your finished film being between 90 seconds and 2 minutes.

### Context

Leon is in prison and we see him on the phone to his partner and son. He is upset when his son doesn't recognise his voice and wanders off. Leon struggles to cope with this upset and so converts it to anger against his partner. We then see a second phone call to his partner and we should see Leon's genuine vulnerability.

As this is a phone conversation it would be helpful for you to consider what Leon's partner (and son) are saying in response to him, and to leave space for this. In reality, Leon would be using a prison phone, but feel free to use any kind of phone.

We have provided a script but don't worry about sticking word-for-word if you would find it easier to improvise. If you improvise, please ensure you maintain the essence of the scenario. You do not need to learn the script – feel free to keep the script in-hand if necessary.





## Script

Alright love?.....Yeah I'm fine, except some wanker's stolen one of the allen keys for the cross trainer, so the screws have shut down the gym....fucking unbelievable. Anyway, how are you?.....Yeah? Did you get the car fixed?.....How much?!.....Jesus love, I told you to go to Billy.....Yeah alright, I'm just saying. Anyway put the birthday boy on.....Alright Jay, (singing) Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear.....What?....It's me, Jay....it's your dad.....Jay!.....Jay!.....Karen, what the fuck's going on? What have you been saying to him?.....Well you must have said something.....I'm not fucking stupid, Karen. What have you been filling his head with?.....I'll speak to you however I like. He's my fucking kid.... Yeah well we'll see about that!

*He puts the phone down and sees another man off screen and says*

Aright mate? Yeah just having a chat with my lad...7 today...me and his mum got him an iPad so he's well chuffed.

*Later he calls his partner back after thinking through the incident.*

Karen, I just wanted to say.....Yeah I know I was a dick.....I know. Has he had a nice day?.....Good. Look, I just....when he didn't recognise my voice, I lost it. And I know I shouldn't have taken it out on you, but it fucking hurt. You and Jay are the only good things in my life and I was scared. I'm so scared of losing you both.....I know I don't deserve you and I know I've fucked up again but I'm hanging on by a thread here (*he is very upset by now*).....Yeah, OK.....yeah, I'm alright.....I promise, yeah.....

