

JESSICA & JUDY

(Tiara)

Mr. Todd’s Classroom.

PLEASE NOTE: The actress Playing SOPHIE OF THE ELVES also doubles as JESSICA.

JUDY MOODY is likeable; has a great capacity to be kind and thoughtful; can be moody; smart; high emotional IQ; wears her emotions on her sleeve; can be tough on herself; has a habit of being too boisterous in class; feuds with her brother Stink but loves him; strong-willed; wants to get famous; close to her Dad; can be a bit bossy; and likes to tell Stink what to do.

JUDY considers JESSICA an arch rival; snobby; needs to show off; confident; can be dismissive of other kids; feels she’s superior; and wants to be the teacher’s pet.

Judy, realizing that she hasn’t done anything that has made her famous, searches for something that will make her famous like everyone else.

In this scene, at the beginning of the show, Judy arrives to class and sees Jessica wearing a tiara; her prize for winning a local spelling bee. Jessica is boasting about her win and Judy feels jealous.

JUDY

(To the audience)

Oh, boy! That's Jessica Finch. She thinks she's so smart. To be honest, she IS the best speller in class.

(To JESSICA)

Hey, Jess. What's with the crown? Halloween's not for another six months.

(Checking out the crown on JESSICA'S head.)

Who are you supposed to be? The Queen of England or something?

JESSICA

No, I'm the Queen Bee. Didn't you see my picture on the front page of yesterday's newspaper? I won the Northern Virginia Spelling Bee on Saturday. And, by the way, it's not a crown. It's called a tiara. T-I-A-R-A. Tiara.

JUDY

(To the audience, frustrated)

Ooh...that is so Jessica! Always showing off! She's all famous...and I'm not!

(To JESSICA)

So, what word did you have to spell to win to get your picture on the front page of the newspaper?

JESSICA

Well, at first the words were easy, like catch and poke. And then, they got a little harder, like pause and croak. But the word I spelled to win was A-R-T-I-C-H-O-K-E, artichoke!

JUDY

(A little too loudly.)

Ar-ti-choke?

JESSICA

Yes. That's all it took for my 15 minutes of fame!

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