



Play script

Key Words

Play: act a part on a stage

Play production: An act produced to play on a stage

Playscript: A script written for a play

Narrator: Someone who tells or recounts the story

Stage director: Person who directs what goes on the stage to give extra information of the character roles. (**Stage directions**)

Actors: People who act out the parts of the character in the play script.

Characters: People in the Play script

Acts: Chapters in a play

Scene: Place of action

Scenery: Background to show where the scene is set

Stage: Where the drama or action is happening

Props: Objects needed for the play

Costumes: Clothes for actors

- ❖ **Setting of scenes and stage directions** are written in brackets.
- ❖ **Stage directions** are written in **present tense** and tell people how to **speak or perform**
- ❖ Characters who are talking are written on the left hand side of the page with **colons** afterwards.
- ❖ **Dialogue** is written in **present tense** after the colon and has **no speech marks**
- ❖ **Start a new line for every speaker**
- ❖ Every time the setting changes you need **to start a new scene.**
- ❖ **Use capital letters to emphasis someone shouting or being shocked.**
- ❖ Use punctuation
- ❖ Choose a maximum of only 4 characters
- ❖ You tell the story mainly through dialogue

Challenge

- ❖ Use a mixture of simple and complex sentences to change the pace of dialogue