

Writing a Playscript with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To identify and use the features of a playscript, including character names, stage directions, and dialogue.

Kit the Fox is planning a play about an adventure in the forest! Use this template to draft your own scene. Remember to use a colon after character names, put stage directions in brackets, and keep your dialogue lively.

Word bank: dialogue · stage directions · scene heading · character · action · setting · expression · intonation

1. Scene Heading: Describe where and when your play is taking place (e.g., The Ancient Oak Tree, daytime). (2 marks)

2. Character List: List the names of the characters appearing in this scene and give a short description of their personality. (3 marks)

3. Setting the Scene: Write a short paragraph of stage directions to describe what the audience sees on stage before anyone speaks. (4 marks)

4. Dialogue Part 1: Write an opening exchange between two characters. Remember to include stage directions in brackets to show how they are moving or feeling. (5 marks)

5. The Conflict: What problem or puzzle are your characters trying to solve? Write the dialogue where the tension rises. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Once you have finished your script, perform it with a partner! Remember to use your voice to show how your character is feeling, just like a real actor on stage.