

Staging the Story: A Guide to Playscripts

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- Why do playscripts include a character list at the very beginning of the document?
- How do stage directions differ from the spoken dialogue in a script?
- Why are scene headings important for the production crew and the actors?
- How does the layout of a playscript help an actor read their lines more clearly?
- In what way do stage directions use brackets or italics to guide the performance?

Did you know? Did you know? Before a play is performed, the script is often referred to as a 'blueprint' for the actors. It tells them not just what to say, but how to move, where to stand, and even what emotions to feel on stage!

Key vocabulary: Character list · Stage directions · Dialogue · Scene heading · Act · Cast · Performance