

Writing a Playscript with Max the Monkey

Lights, Camera, Action! Let's write a play!

- The title of the play goes at the very top of the page so the audience knows what they are watching.
- Character names are written on the left side of the page. You use a colon (:) after the name to show who is speaking.
- Dialogue is the actual words the characters say out loud to each other during the scene.
- Stage directions are written in brackets () or italics. They tell the actors how to move or how to say their lines.
- A setting description at the start of the scene helps the actors know where the story is happening.

Did you know? Did you know? Playscripts are special because they are written to be performed by actors on a stage, rather than just read in a book!

Key vocabulary: Character · Dialogue · Stage directions · Setting · Script