

Max's Playscript Quick Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and understand the features of a playscript.

Hello! Max the monkey here. I love solving puzzles! Let's look at how playscripts work. Read each question carefully. Use the word bank if you get stuck.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. Stage directions, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Dialogue, 7. B, 8. False, 9. Setting, 10. A

Word bank: character · stage directions · dialogue · scene · setting

1. 1. What do we call the list of people in a play? A) Character list* B) Maths list C) Recipe D) Map (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Playscripts use speech marks (inverted commas) for what people say. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. 3. What do we call the instructions that tell actors how to move or feel? (Hint: Use the word bank) (1 mark)

4. 4. Where do we write the name of the person speaking? A) In the middle B) On the left* C) In the title D) At the end (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The 'setting' tells the reader where the story happens. (True/False) (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name for the lines of speech spoken by the actors? (Hint: Use the word bank) (1 mark)

7. 7. How are stage directions usually written? A) In big letters B) In brackets ()* C) In blue ink D) Backwards (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: A playscript is written to be read like a normal book with long paragraphs. (True/False) (1 mark)

9. 9. A playscript is often divided into parts called a _____. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which punctuation mark usually goes after a character's name? A) Colon (:) * B) Full stop (.) C) Question mark (?) D) Exclamation mark (!) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a stage. Include a character standing in the middle and add a speech bubble for them to say 'Hello!'.



Extension challenge: Max challenges you: Can you write one line of dialogue for a monkey who has just found a golden banana? Remember to put your name at the start followed by a colon!