

Max's Maths-Mystery Playscript Creator

Learning objective: To structure a playscript using standard conventions, including character names, stage directions, and dialogue.

Max the monkey has turned his latest maths puzzle into a play! Use this template to draft your own scene. Remember to use a colon after character names to show who is speaking, and place stage directions in brackets to describe actions or emotions.

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

1. Setting the Scene: Describe where your play takes place and what the audience can see on stage. Use rich, descriptive vocabulary. (3 marks)

2. Character List: List the characters in your scene and include a brief note on their personality or current mood. (2 marks)

3. Opening Dialogue: Write the first few lines of your script. Include one stage direction in brackets to show how a character is moving or feeling. (4 marks)

4. The Conflict: Explain why there is a problem or mystery in your scene. What are the characters trying to solve? (3 marks)

5. The Climax: Write the moment of highest tension in your script. Justify why this is the most exciting part of the scene. (4 marks)

6. Resolution: How do the characters solve the problem? Compare this ending to the beginning—how have the characters changed? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine your play is being performed in a theatre. What might happen if you changed the stage directions to be more dramatic? Rewrite one section of your dialogue and justify why your new stage directions would improve the audience's understanding of the character's emotions.