

Writing a Playscript with Max the Monkey

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

Max the Monkey is writing a play about a maths puzzle. Read the questions below. Use the word bank to help you complete the sentences. Remember to use a colon (:) after the character's name.

Max is writing a scene for his play. He needs to show who is speaking and what they are doing on stage.

Word bank: Dialogue · Stage directions · Character name · Colon · Brackets

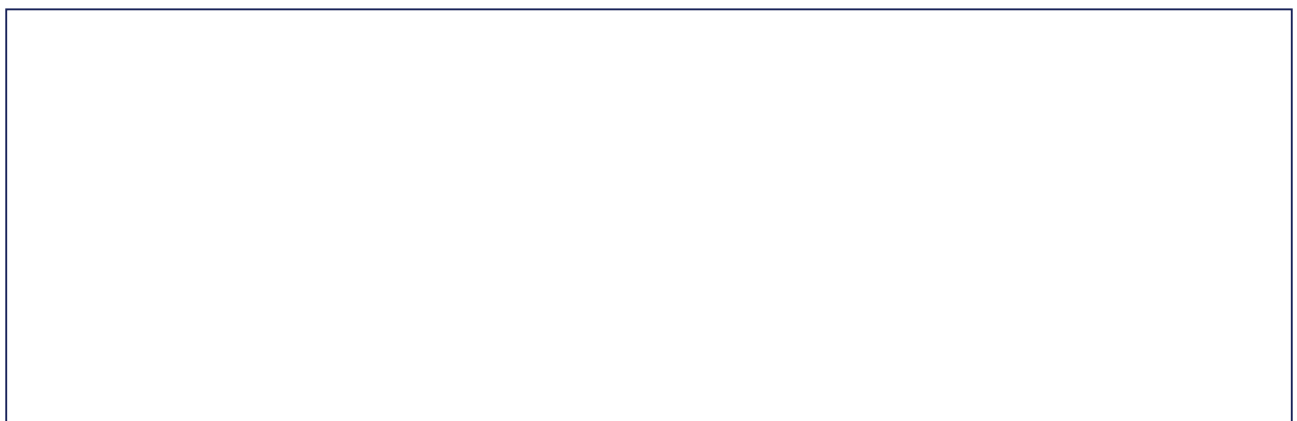
1. In a playscript, what do we call the words that the characters speak aloud? (1 mark)

2. What punctuation mark goes between the character's name and their words? Example: Max: Hello! (1 mark)

3. Which part of a playscript tells the actors how to move or how to feel? These are often inside (brackets). (1 mark)

4. Write a short line of dialogue for Max. Include a stage direction in brackets to show he is jumping. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey standing on a stage. Include a sign that shows the name of the play: 'The Great Banana Puzzle'.



Extension challenge: Can you write one more line for a character named Pip the Caterpillar? Remember to put their name first and use a colon.