

Mastering the Art of the Playscript

Lights, Camera, Action! Bring your stories to life on the stage!

- How do stage directions help an actor understand their performance?
- Why must the character's name be clearly written in capital letters before their dialogue?
- What is the purpose of using parentheses when writing stage directions?
- How do scene headings inform both the production team and the audience about the setting?
- Why is it essential to include a character list at the start of a playscript?

Did you know? Did you know that the earliest playscripts were written in Ancient Greece over 2,500 years ago? Back then, actors wore large masks to ensure the audience in the back rows could see their character's emotions clearly! Today, we use stage directions to help actors understand exactly how to move and speak on stage.

Key vocabulary: Dialogue · Stage Directions · Character List · Scene Heading · Performance · Protagonist · Acts · Parentheses