Script Writing with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the features of a playscript and write a short scene using stage directions and dialogue.

Max the Monkey loves to turn his daily adventures into plays! A playscript is a special type of writing that shows how characters speak and move on stage. Use this template to create your own scene. Remember to use a colon (:) after the character's name to show who is speaking, and use brackets () for stage directions to describe actions.

Word bank: Dialogue · Stage directions · Character · Setting · Action · Performance

1. Setting the Scene: Describe where your play takes place and what the stage looks like. Remember to mention if it is daytime or nighttime. (2 marks)

2. Character List: Who are the two characters in your scene? Give them names and explain how they are feeling right now. (2 marks)

3. The Opening Line: Write the first line of dialogue for your first character, including a stage direction about how they are standing. (3 marks)

4. The Response: Write the second character's reply. What do they do in response to the first character? (3 marks)

5. The Big Finish: Write a final action for your characters to show the scene has ended (e.g., they walk off stage or sit down together). (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add a prop list to your script? Think about what items your characters might need to hold to make the scene more interesting, just like Max does for his maths puzzles!