Class 3 Playscript Masterclass with Kit the Fox

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

Use these flashcards to revise the special features used in playscripts. Kit the Fox loves to solve puzzles, and learning how to write a script is like solving a puzzle for the theatre!

What is a playscript?

A piece of writing that tells actors what to say and do in a play.

What is a 'Cast List'?

A list at the start of a script that tells us which characters appear in the play.

What are 'Stage Directions'?

Instructions in brackets that tell the actors how to move or how to say their lines.

What is 'Dialogue'?

The actual words spoken by the characters in the play.

What is a 'Setting'?

A description of where and when the scene takes place, usually written at the start of the scene.

In a playscript, where do we write the character's name?

On the left-hand side, often followed by a colon, to show who is speaking.

Why are stage directions usually written in brackets or italics?

To help the reader tell the difference between the spoken words and the actions.

What is a 'Scene'?

A part of a play that happens in one place at one time.

True or False: A playscript uses quotation marks (speech marks) for spoken words.

False. Playscripts use the character's name instead of speech marks.

Why do we have a 'Setting' description at the start of a scene?

To help the audience and actors imagine what the stage looks like.

What might a stage direction say?

Examples include (whispering), (walking slowly across the stage), or (looks surprised).