

Mastering Playscripts: Year 6 English Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand the key features and structure of a playscript as required by the Year 6 National Curriculum.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of playscript features. Read the front, try to recall the definition, and check your answer on the back.

What is a 'Playscript'?	What are 'Stage Directions'?
A written document that contains the dialogue and instructions for actors to perform a play.	Instructions written in brackets or italics that tell the actors how to move, speak, or express emotion.
How is 'Dialogue' presented in a playscript?	What is a 'Scene Heading'?
The character's name is written on the left, followed by a colon, then what they say.	A short description at the start of a scene indicating the location and time of day (e.g., THE FOREST - NIGHT).
What is the 'Cast List'?	What is an 'Act' in a play?
A list at the beginning of the script that identifies all the characters appearing in the play.	A main division of a play, similar to a chapter in a book, often containing several scenes.
What are 'Props'?	Why do we use 'Colons' in a playscript?
The items (short for 'properties') that characters hold or use on stage during the performance.	They are placed after the character's name to show that the following text is their spoken dialogue.
Where should the setting be described?	What is the role of a 'Narrator' in a script?
Usually in the stage directions at the very start of a scene or act.	A character who speaks directly to the audience to provide context or explain parts of the story that are not shown on stage.