

How to write a script

"Let's write a play for our leaving assembly."

A script tells everyone on stage, including the stagehands, what's happening when. Plan it like this:

Think of a
suitable name

Title:

Characters
are named.

Cast:

Susan, Henry, Aunty Maud, Bentley the butler etc.

Plays are divided
into scenes or
happenings.

Scene 1:

The living room

A narrator sets
the scene making
scene changes
easier.

Narrator:

It is a dark and stormy night at the old mansion.

All dialogue is
written without
speech marks.

Character 1:

Character 2:

Character 3: etc

Directions, tell
you how a
character speaks.

Character 1: (Laughing)

Character 2: (Frightened)

Scene 2:

Outside

Narrator:

The ferocious storm has knocked out all the power.

Character 1:

Character 2:

Read some play scripts through with the class and give out parts. Stress the need to stick to convention, so that when the script is learnt nobody goes astray. Demonstrate with whole-group works using this page as a basis.