

Characteristics of Play Script Writing

LAYOUT:

- ⇒ Instructions for stage setting are written on the left of the page
- ⇒ The name of the speaker is written on the left of the page
- ⇒ Extra instructions for the actor is written in brackets
- ⇒ Every time the setting of the play changes, a new scene is started
- ⇒ At the start of each new scene, the setting is described
- ⇒ Play scripts usually contain two (or three) Acts
- ⇒ Ellipsis (...) is often used to demonstrate that the person is thinking or stuttering. It can also be used to develop suspense.
- ⇒ Some words can be written in a different font to show that the reader has to emphasise that particular word.
- ⇒ The names of the characters in the play are recorded at the beginning of the playscript
- ⇒ A line across the centre of the page, is used to show that the setting is about to change

FEATURES:

- *Present tense (used for setting scenes and describing actions)
- *NO speech marks!