

Writing PLAYSCRIPTS

Welcome to your English learning week three! We are looking at some new learning this week and beginning to identify and use the features of a play script. Although our activities won't all focus on Harry Potter keep your eyes peeled for when new chapters are shared on the website.

Thank you to those of you that have shared your character descriptions from last week. You have clearly been working hard at home and used some very interesting ways to describe Harry. Keep sharing your learning, using Padlet or Email, we love to see it.

Monday 18th January.

Today we are introducing the main features of a play script and what they are used for. The PowerPoint will go through these with you. If you are using an iPad, open the PowerPoint using the Keynote app and the audio should work. If it doesn't, don't worry, the features are described on each slide so you can read it yourself.

Text Features of Drama

1. Staging directions
2. A list of characters
3. Written to be performed
4. Written in the form of a script (dialogue)
5. Can include directions for costuming and physically setting a stage

After you have had a look at the different features have a go at identifying and describing them yourself by completing the activity for today.

Tuesday 19th January.

Using all of your Vipers skills today can you answer the questions about this play script from Oliver Twist? There are questions that ask about the different features of a play script so take some time to remind yourself of these and what they are for first.



Wednesday 20th January.

This is a chance to plan your play script. Have a conversation with your family. You will need to record it as you will turn this into your play script. Try to include as many of your family as you can so you will have more characters in your play. You might like to talk about the story so far in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone, or what your favourite parts are.



When you have recorded your conversation make some notes about what stage directions you are going to need and if you are going to include a narrator.

Thursday 21st January.

Now it is your turn to write a play script. Use your family conversation to create a scene in a play. Don't forget to use all of the features of a play script. You might like to take another look at the PowerPoint form Monday to remind you. Set out your play script carefully. Here are some links for play script writing frames but you do not have to use them.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-e-910-play-script-writing-frame>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-12252-play-script-templates>

You don't need to rush and finish your play script today. You have got tomorrow to finish it off.

Friday 22nd January.



Finish your play script then spend some time carefully editing and improving it. Make sure you have used all the features of a play script accurately. We are looking forward to seeing some of your finished play scripts so don't forget to share them with us.