



Specialist Subject Vocabulary-Drama



Atmosphere

The dominant mood or emotional tone of a work of art, as of a play or novel.

Characterisation

The process of describing or showing the nature of a character.

Suffix: ise - to make into, become; tion - act, process or result

Root Word: character

Staging

The way of presenting a performance.

Scenery

Hangings, draperies, structures, etc., used on a stage to represent a locale or furnish decorative background.

Theatre

A building where theatrical performances can be presented.

Production

The process of managing and creating of a show, film, etc.; a film, show, television programme, etc.

Prefix: pro - forward

Suffix: tion - act, process or result

Root Word: duct - taking, leading

Expression

Indication of feeling, spirit, character, etc., as on the face, in the voice, or in artistic execution.

Suffix: sion - act, process or result

Root Word: express

Rehearsal

A practice or trial performance of a play for later public performance.

Prefix: re - again, back

Playwright

A person who writes plays.

Performance

An act of staging or presenting a play of entertainment.

Suffix: ance - action, result



Challenge Vocabulary-Drama



Soliloquy

The act of talking while or as if alone, especially in drama.

Gesture

A movement made with the hand/arm/head that means a particular thing (e.g. thumbs up).

Rostra

A raised platform on which a person stands to make a public speech, receive an award or medal, play music, or conduct an orchestra.

Improvisation

The act of creating and performing drama spontaneously without preparation.

Prefix: **im / in** - not

Suffix: **tion** - act, process or result

Root Word: improvise

Technique

Dramatic techniques include literary devices and staging elements determined by the playwright, director or stage manager.

Mannerism

Repetition using the voice to give an indication about the character's personality or creates interest.

Proscenium

The stage has a frame that creates a picture effect.

Ensemble

A group of musicians, actors, or dancers who perform together.

Monologue

A long speech by one actor in a play.

Prefix: **mono** - one, single

Root Word: logos - speech, words, list

Empathy

Being able to think and feel as a character does.