

Text Type

Narrative - Play Scripts

Purpose	To tell a story
Text Features	Structural conventions for scripting vary, particularly in layout on page. Only direct speech is used. Present tense used for setting scenes and describing actions.
Organisational Features	Apply presentational conventions of a script consistently throughout. Name of character and the words they speak. New line on for each new speaker. Set the scene (As a short paragraph) Start a new line each time a new character speaks Put the name of the speaker in a left hand margin, followed by a colon (:)
Vocabulary	Dialogue: direct speech Stage directions: (<i>walking slowly, laughs, pointing</i>)

Parts	Detail
Title	Written at the top of the script
Cast list of Characters	Decide who the characters will be. Keep the number of main characters as small as possible. Give the characters distinctive features. Provide characters information: their names, ages, brief description.
Scene	Explanation on how to set the stage, setting description Decide where the story will take place. Describe the place. Or, have the Narrator describe the scene
Stage Directions	Procedural text to give instructions how and when characters enter/exit stage: (<i>walking slowly, laughs, pointing</i>)
Dialogue	Direct speech. Speaker clearly identified. New line for each new speaker
Story or Acts	Know the story before writing begins. Have the different scenes in mind. The dialogue, or the narrator, has to tell the story. Keep the story line simple