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Answer Key: Pizza Party Playwriting: A 1st Grade Table Read Quiz

Will the talking dog get a slice? Students identify the key building blocks of a script while learning to map out a silly classroom performance.

1. In a play, the words that characters say to each other are called:

Answer: B) Dialogue

Dialogue is the special word for the talking that happens between characters on a stage.

2. Stage directions are instructions that tell the actors how to move or where to go.

Answer: A) True

Stage directions help performers understand their actions, like 'walking across the room' or 'smiling.'

3. The person who writes the story for a play is called a _____.

Answer: C) Playwright

A playwright is the 'builder' or writer of a play script.

4. If a play takes place on a Moon Base, what part of the script tells us where we are?

Answer: A) The Setting

The setting describes the time and place where the story happens.

5. To show that a character is happy, a playwright might write the word _____ in parentheses.

Answer: C) Laughing

Stage directions often describe emotions, like laughing, to help the actor show how they feel.

6. Characters in a play always have to be human people.

Answer: B) False

In a play, characters can be animals, robots, or even talking trees!

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7. What is the 'problem' in a story called that makes the play interesting?

Answer: B) The Conflict

Conflict is the struggle or problem that characters try to solve during the plot.

8. When all the characters solve their problem at the end, it is called the _____.

Answer: A) Resolution

The resolution is the part of the plot where the problems are fixed and the story finishes.

9. A script is the written paper that actors read to learn their lines.

Answer: A) True

The script contains all the dialogue and directions needed to put on a performance.

10. If you are writing a play about a lost kitten, what is the best 'Middle' for your plot?

Answer: C) The kitten looks for its home

The middle of a story is where the action happens and the character tries to solve their problem.