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Scriptwriter Safari: A 2nd Grade Playwriting Quest

Imagine and build original stage worlds by identifying character dialogue and using parentheticals to guide actor movement.

1. The setting tells the audience where and when the story happens. If a play starts with 'A dusty moon base in the year 3000,' where is the story located?

- A. At a sandy beach
- B. Inside a grocery store
- C. In outer space
- D. Deep under the ocean

2. In a script, the words that characters speak to each other are called _____.

- A. Dialogue
- B. Costumes
- C. Curtains
- D. Intermission

3. Stage directions are meant to be read out loud by the actors during the performance.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Look at this line: 'PRINCESS PIPPA (whispering): I found the secret map!' What does the word in the parentheses tell the actor to do?

- A. Shout at the top of her lungs
- B. Speak very quietly
- C. Sing a happy song
- D. Leave the stage

5. A play's 'Conflict' is the problem that the characters are trying to solve.

- A. True
- B. False

6. If you are writing a play about a shy dragon, which character trait would best help the audience understand him?

- A. He hides behind a large rock when people wave
- B. He breathes fire at everyone he meets
- C. He steals gold from the royal palace
- D. He flies over the kingdom in the bright sun

7. When a character leaves the stage, the script usually uses the word _____.

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- A. Enter
- B. Chorus
- C. Exit
- D. Prop

8. Which of these would be a 'Stage Direction' rather than dialogue?

- A. "Where did my shoes go?"
- B. BARNABY: I am hungry.
- C. [He trips over a toy truck]
- D. "Hello! Is anyone home?"

9. The person who writes the script for a play is called a _____.

- A. Playwright
- B. Librarian
- C. Audience
- D. Painter

10. In a script, the character's name is usually written in BOLD or ALL CAPS before they speak.

- A. True
- B. False