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Answer Key: When the Toys Come to Life: Kindergarten Playwriting Quiz

Young authors transform from storytellers to playwrights by deciding how characters move, speak, and solve problems on a puppet stage.

1. If a Happy Lion and a Sad Turtle are in your play, which one would likely use a very SLOW voice?

Answer: B) The Sad Turtle

Characters often speak in ways that match how they feel or how they move. Turtles are famous for being slow and steady.

2. In a play, when we write down exactly what a character says out loud, it is called _____.

Answer: B) Dialogue

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

3. True or False: A playwright can tell an actor to 'jump for joy' without the actor saying any words.

Answer: A) True

Stage directions tell actors how to move their bodies to show feelings, even when they are silent.

4. Your play is about a Dragon who cannot find his toothbrush. What is the PROBLEM in this story?

Answer: C) The toothbrush is missing

The problem (or conflict) is the thing that the character needs to fix or find to make the story happen.

5. If you want the audience to know your play happens in a dark cave, you need to describe the _____.

Answer: B) Setting

The setting tells the audience where and when the story is taking place.

6. True or False: Every play must have a 'Bad Guy' who never says thank you.

Answer: B) False

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Plays can be about friends helping each other or funny mistakes; they don't always need a villain.

7. Which of these is an ACTION a playwright might write for a character named Robot Rick?

Answer: B) Rick walks with stiff legs

Walking is an action (something the character does), while the other options are things he says or how he looks.

8. At the very end of the play, when the Dragon finally finds his toothbrush, we call this the story _____.

Answer: A) Resolution

The resolution is the part of the play where the problem is solved and the story finishes.

9. True or False: You can turn a favorite drawing into a play by giving the characters voices.

Answer: A) True

Playwriting often starts with a single picture or idea and grows when you imagine what the people in the picture might say.

10. If your character is a Brave Knight, how might they stand on stage?

Answer: C) Standing tall with a straight back

Characters show who they are through their posture; standing tall shows the audience they are brave.