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Answer Key: Pizza Party Plays: Performing Arts Analysis for 1st Grade

Students analyze dramatic components like costumes and scripts by identifying how story ingredients come together to make a theatrical masterpiece.

1. A play is a story built just for the stage. What do we call the book that tells the actors what to say?

Answer: C) A script

A script is the written version of a play that contains the dialogue and stage directions for the performers.

2. In a play, the clothes that actors wear to look like their characters are called costumes.

Answer: A) True

Costumes are a key dramatic element used to help the audience understand who a character is and what their role is in the story.

3. The ____ of a play is the main message or 'big idea' the story is trying to teach us.

Answer: A) Theme

The theme is the underlying meaning or lesson of a dramatic work, such as 'friendship' or 'bravery'.

4. If an actor is moving their body but not using any words to tell a story, they are using:

Answer: B) Pantomime

Pantomime is a dramatic technique where actors use only gestures and body movements to express meaning.

5. Which person in a play is usually the one who wants something or is trying to solve a problem?

Answer: B) The main character

The main character, or protagonist, drives the plot forward through their motivations and actions.

6. The setting of a play tells us 'where' and 'when' the story is happening.

Answer: A) True

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Setting provides the context for the dramatic action, such as a castle in the past or a spaceship in the future.

7. When two characters talk to each other on stage, it is called a ____.

Answer: C) Dialogue

Dialogue is the term for the conversation between two or more characters in a play.

8. The most exciting part of the play where the big problem is finally faced is called the:

Answer: C) Climax

The climax is the turning point and highest point of tension in the plot structure.

9. A play must always have a happy ending to be a story.

Answer: B) False

Dramatic works can have many types of endings, including sad (tragedy) or funny (comedy), depending on the goal of the play.

10. An ___ is a large section of a play, almost like a chapter in a book.

Answer: A) Act

Acts are the primary divisions of a dramatic work that organize the structure of the narrative.