

LI: To write a play script

Success Criteria

I can include dialogue to help move the story along

I can include stage directions

I use the appropriate punctuation e.g. colons : brackets ()

1. Watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-45TbOGadro> -

or search on YouTube: "A Cloudy Lesson" by Yezi Xue | Disney Favorite



2. You may have noticed that this story has no dialogue. Your task today is to create a play script to go alongside this story.
3. TIPS: In a play script, you do not need to use speech marks or inverted commas when someone is speaking. You write their name on the left hand side of the page, add a colon and then write their speech. i.e.

Grandpa: This very special tool creates the clouds you see in the sky.

Boy: That's magical! I can't wait to have a go.

Stage directions are included so the director will know what the actors should do. These are always in brackets and come after the character's name. i.e.

Boy: (Jumping up and down with excitement) That's magical! I can't wait to have a go.

Challenge: You might want to include a narrator character, who can tell the story alongside the character's speech. This might look like:

Narrator: For generations, a special tool has been passed down. It has been called many names, but this grandpa calls it 'The Cloud Maker'

Have a look at the example play script on the following page to see how it should be laid out.

The Mad Hatter, Dormouse and Hare are sitting at a table having afternoon tea.

Alice enters the scene, stage left.

Mad Hatter: *(starts for a moment, pauses and a broad grin appears across his face. He gets up out of his chair and walks across the table towards Alice)*
It's you.

Dormouse: *(exasperated)* No it's not! Hare brought us the wrong Alice!

Hare: *(gasps and throws his hands against his head)* It's the wrong Alice!

Mad Hatter: You're absolutely Alice, I'd know you anywhere!
(to the rest of the characters at the table)
I'd know her anywhere!

Dormouse and Hare laugh maniacally.

Well, as you can see we're still having tea.
You're terribly late you know... naughty.

Alice: I'm incredibly intrigued.

Mad Hatter: Yes yes of course, but now we must get
onto the Frabjous Day!

**Dormouse &
Hare together:** FRABJOUS DAY!!

Mad Hatter: We're investigating things that begin
with the letter M.

(whispers) Have you any idea why a
raven is like a writing desk?

