

Theatre

Basic Vocabulary

act	The major sections of a play.
actor	The artist portraying a role on-stage.
audience	The group that reacts and responds to a theatrical performance.
audition	An opportunity through which a performer is able to demonstrate talent.
backstage	The area of the stage that is out of sight of the audience.
blocking	Actors' movement on-stage.
cast	The ensemble of actors who portray the roles in a play.
center stage	The center area of the stage.
characterization	The process of creating a character whose words and actions are determined by the elements of the play.
comedy	A light and amusing play that typically has a happy ending.
conflict	The action when two opposing forces meet.
cue	The signal an actor receives or uses to begin a line or movement.
diction	The actor's ability to be understood.
director	The person who oversees the entire process of staging a production.
down stage	The area of the stage closest to the audience.
dramatic mediums	Telling stories through stage, film, television, radio or technology.
dress rehearsal	A full rehearsal with complete technical accompaniment during the final production phase before an opening night performance.