Acting and Theatre Terminology Worksheet

Fourth Wall - The wall that separates the actors and the audience
Illusion of the First Time - An actor's tool to make everything and fresh
Script - The text the gives the actor to work from
Side - A of the script – usually used for auditions or when the script is large and the actor only has a bit part.
16 Bars - In music, this is the usual amount that an actor will at the audition
Counter - A type of blocking move where an actor moves to open a for other actors
Windows - Creating on actors onstage so that every actor can be seen
Open Up - Physically turn your body so the can see you
Cross - A move across the stage to another position
Proscenium - Type of stage that is shaped like a
Thrust - Type of stage that juts out from the arch
Black Box - Type of theatre (usually used for theatre) where the stage and audience positions can be changed
In the Round - Type of stage where the audience the actors and the action taking place onstage
Prop - Anything the actor with his hands and moves around the stage
Set - The scenery, furniture, etc. that make up what the audience onstage; doesn't move
Upstage - The part of the stage from the audience