

elements of drama

-A play is composed of different parts. These parts are called **acts** and **scenes**.

-The **cast of characters** at the beginning of the play tells who the characters are.

-Some plays have a **narrator**. The narrator provides the audience with information about what is happening in the play.

-The **setting** is where and when the story takes place. Often, plays will have more than one setting.

-The **dialogue** is the lines the characters speak in the play. The characters' names appear in bold before their speaking line. Dialogue often tells what the characters are thinking and feeling.

-**stage directions** tell the actor what to do. They appear inside parentheses (), written in italics, and tell the character where to go on stage, how to move, and how to say their lines.

-The special form that a play is written in is called a **script**. A script contains a list of characters, the lines the characters say, and the stage directions.